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Fisher from Oracabessa Bay Fish Sanctuary

## About the UNDP Multi Country Office in the Caribbean

UNDP is the leading United Nations organization fighting to end the injustice of Poverty, Inequality, and Climate Change. Working with our broad network of experts and partners in 170 countries, we help nations to build integrated, lasting solutions for people and planet.

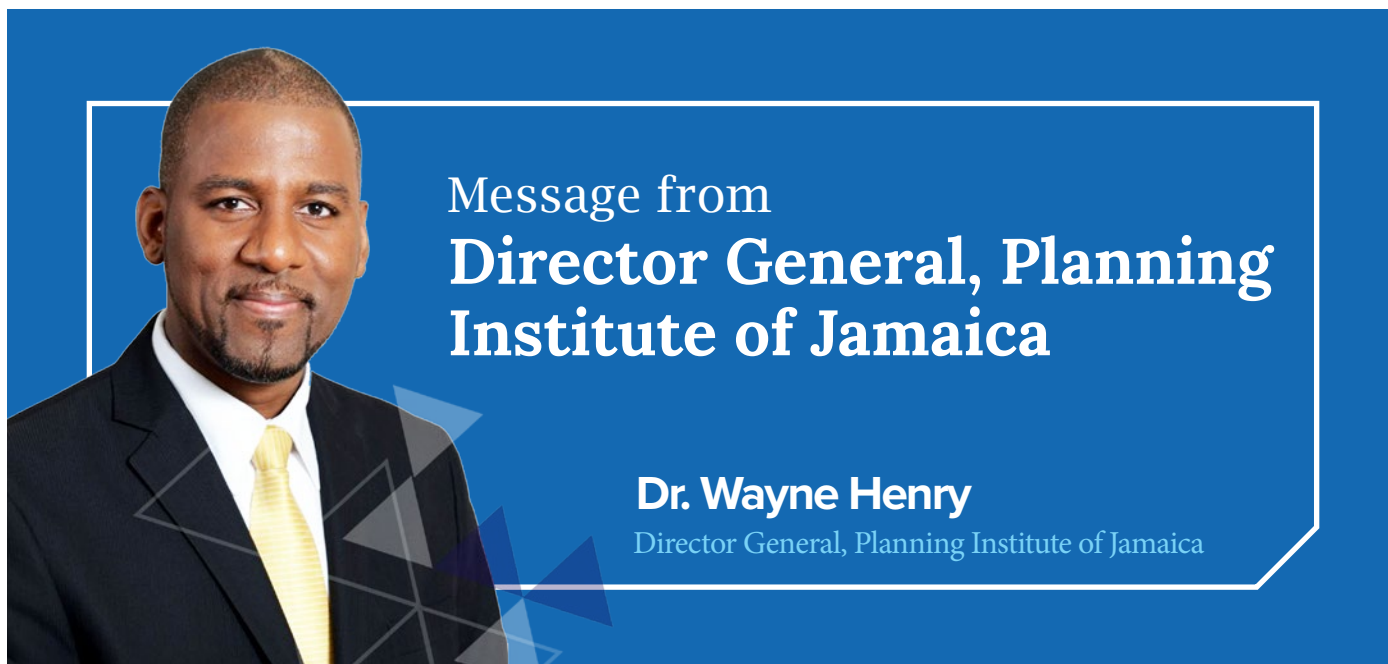
In fulfilment of the corporate mission, the UNDP Multi Country Office (MCO) based in Jamaica supports countries within our programme jurisdiction to build integrated, lasting solutions in three areas consistent with national development priorities: (1) Sustainable Development; (2) Democratic Governance; and (3) Climate and Disaster Resilience

UNDP's programme priorities are governed by the 2017-2021 Country Programme Document which supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and is anchored in the United Nations Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework (MSDF) for the Caribbean and the UNDP's global Strategic Plan, 2018-2021.

All our work is built on the principles of reaching the farthest and most vulnerable first so that no one is left behind while ensuring environmental sustainability and adequate use and management of natural resources. South-South Cooperation is also a critical part of our work as we continue to support in knowledge sharing and learning from best practices towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

As the delinking of the UN Resident Coordinator (RC) and the UNDP Resident Representative (RR) functions became two distinct roles in 2019, the UNDP MCO also welcomed the newly appointed Resident Representative, Mrs. Denise E. Antonio, the first of the NextGen Representatives to lead a more focused and strengthened UNDP.

The UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica serves Jamaica, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.



## Message from Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica

**Dr. Wayne Henry**

Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica

The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) appreciates the continued strong partnership between the Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), demonstrated in the UNDP's recognition of Jamaica's development priorities as well as its responsiveness to the Government's policy of ensuring alignment between donor funded programmes and national goals and priorities. Articulated in the Country Programme Document 2017 – 2021, the UNDP's work in Jamaica is focused broadly on the areas of Sustainable Development; Crisis Preparedness and Response; and Governance, which are consistent with

the goals and priorities of the Vision 2030 National Development Plan (NDP) and the Medium Term Socioeconomic Policy Framework.

The portfolio of projects being supported by the UNDP are reflected in the theme of the 2019 Annual Report - Empowered Lives, Resilient Nations. The agency has been active in the development of key policies including the Involuntary Returned Migrants Policy, the Water Policy, the National Minerals Policy and the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Policy. The programme of assistance has included initiatives to strengthen the Government's capacity to

meet international obligations which have recently included the Preparation of the 6th National Report (6NR), the Third National Communication and the Voluntary National Report on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The UNDP has been an effective partner with Jamaica in articulating the SDGs and introducing and supporting projects towards their achievement locally. The Roadmap for Implementation of the SDGs in Jamaica and the project, Advancing the SDGs through Vision 2030, National Development Plan are key examples. The latter is assisting the PIOJ to improve, inter alia, its data management and analysis capabilities through two potentially very impactful components: creation of an online platform for the Vision 2030 NDP and establishment of an information system for the External Cooperation Management Division within the PIOJ.

The UNDP's ability to employ innovative approaches and to build significant partnerships has greatly mitigated the

challenges posed by resource limitation. This has been demonstrated through the Human Security Trust Fund (HSTF) Project, Strengthening Human Resilience in Northern Clarendon and Western Kingston that is led by the UNDP in collaboration with four other UN agencies. Several projects initiated by the UNDP have also benefitted from a very robust resource mobilisation strategy that extends beyond the boundaries of the UN Organisations

In recognition of weaknesses in implementation capacity, the UNDP has provided strong support to the implementation of projects through its Direct Implementation and National Implementation modalities. This has fostered knowledge transfer and institutional strengthening of national agencies.

The PIOJ is deeply appreciative of the strong and enduring partnership with the UNDP. We look forward to continued support from the organization as we advance the achievement of Vision 2030 goals and the SDGs.



## Message from The Resident Representative

### Denise Antonio

UNDP Resident Representative for Jamaica,  
Bermuda, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas,  
Turks and Caicos Islands

It is my privilege to have assumed the role of Resident Representative to the UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica in June 2019 at the mid-point of the Country Programme cycle. This provided an opportunity to reflect on valuable lessons while strengthening focus and results consistent with the priorities of the countries we serve as well as regional and international mandates.

I am pleased that in 2019, we remained focused on improving the institutional capacities of Government agencies to enhance citizen safety and security, reduce social and economic insecurities by targeting vulnerable groups, enhance gender equality, support justice reform, advance the SDGs, enhance resilience to climate change and disasters and improve

management of biodiversity. At the core of our human-centred strategy is expanding partnerships and working with a diversity of partners, including private sector and civil society organizations towards achieving desired outcomes with interventions at the national, local and community levels.

Our commitment to expanding access to water remained strong in 2019. With further investments in water harvesting infrastructure made possible by the GEF Small Grants Programme and the Japan Caribbean Climate Change Partnership, we were able to shore up Climate Change resilience in rural communities in Jamaica, while strengthening food security, sanitation and the local economy.

We were also happy to consolidate the gains secured in strengthening regulation of Jamaica's Protected Areas in 2019 with the finalization of a sustainable financing mechanism. In addition, protecting biodiversity remained a priority as legislative steps were taken to protect the Cockpit Country as well as the ban of single use plastic bags that came into effect on 1 January 2019 and has since seen a significant reduction in its use.

Under our democratic governance portfolio, we continue to advance work to reintegrate Involuntarily Returned Migrants (IRMs) and contribute to a modernised justice system that provides customer-focused and gender-responsive services that will engender trust and confidence for a more strengthened system of justice in Jamaica.

UNDP continued to enhance the Government's capacity to monitor progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the development of an online monitoring, evaluation and information system. The primacy given to advancing the SDGs was reflected in ongoing mainstreaming at the national and local levels, reinforced by public awareness. Noteworthy was Cabinet's

approval of the Medium-Term Framework 2018-2021 closely aligned to the SDGs.

The year 2019 also marked the strengthening of our partnership with the government of The Bahamas following the devastating impact of category five hurricane Dorian. Through recovery interventions and crisis prevention initiatives of over one million USD, we supported the government by promoting a sustainable and disaster resilient infrastructure; environmental restoration through inclusive and equitable community participation; strengthening National and Local capacity for recovery planning and coordination while ensuring equitable gender parity; partnership building and enhancing communications for effective knowledge management on the recovery process.

I remain optimistic that the commitment of the government and people of Jamaica towards development will remain consistent with the Vision 2030 Agenda for National Development. The Multi Country Office pledges our continued support to Jamaica, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands in achieving their national development aspirations and leaving no one behind.



Clay artisan Garfield Williams (right) of the Trench Town Ceramics and Arts received a grant from the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme to develop his business which uses clay sourced from the community. The grant also supported skills workshops for the youth. Williams poses with his co-workers.

# Sustainable Development



**Working to build better lives** for and with Small scale mining operators and artisans, persons pursuing sustainable livelihoods in Protected Areas; guardians of biodiversity;



**Key Partner institutions:** Planning Institute of Jamaica, Ministry of Transport and Mining, National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), Climate Change Division in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation.



**Donors:** African Caribbean Pacific States (ACP)/European Union (EU), Global Environment Facility, UNDP

Database systems have been developed to strengthen the Planning Institute of Jamaica's (PIOJ) capacity to report and monitor the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)



Kimberly Cheddar of Jamaica 4h Clubs at UNDP/ Japan Caribbean Climate Change Partnership Booth at Denbigh in 2019

The work towards advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) continued in 2019 as we partnered with the Government of Jamaica, led by the Planning Institute of Jamaica. Two online based systems were developed to increase the efficiency of monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the progress towards achieving the SDGs & National Development targets. One of the online platforms

branded 'JAMDATA' will facilitate the collation, analysis and visualization of complex statistical data related to the SDGs. It will allow national partners to track the progress of the country's National Development goals and outcomes. A second online-based system, the Database Information Management System will support the tracking and reporting of projects being implemented

in Jamaica by International Development Partners. Collectively, both systems will strengthen the Planning Institute of Jamaica's (PIOJ) capacity to report and monitor the progress of the SDGs.

As a Small Islands Developing State (SID) with the classification of upper Middle Income Country (MIC) and limited access to concessional financing and Official

Development Assistance (ODA), we continued to support the government in exploring innovative options for the financing of its Vision 2030 Development Plan. To this end, a diagnostic assessment of innovative financing opportunities was conducted that analysed the development financing landscape in Jamaica in the context of the resources required to meet the SDGs

and Jamaica's National Development targets. Realizing Vision 2030 is also dependent on the contributions from the citizenry and as such the MCO continued to build the capacity of institutions and small-scale private operators in development mineral production in Jamaica under the Development Minerals Programme funded by African Caribbean and Pacific States,

the European Union, and the UNDP. Although most activities were completed the previous year, the Mines and Geology Division of the Ministry of Transport and Mining in partnership with UNDP focused on consolidating activities and promoting the work of beneficiaries. A draft Business Acceleration Strategy for the mining sector was completed, providing a roadmap for strengthening the business operations of the mining stakeholders and the industry's impact on income generation, growth and job creation. Findings will continue to inform the Revised National Minerals Policy and other Work Plans on national responses to the SDG Agenda, specifically Sustainable Cities and Communities; No Poverty;

Decent Jobs and Economic growth. State of the art Information Technology (IT) equipment valued at J\$4.183 million Jamaican dollars was transferred to the Mines and Geology Division (MGD) of the Ministry of Transport and Mining by the Programme to strengthen efficiencies in identification, mining and extraction of minerals for development, growth and job creation.

IT equipment was officially transferred under the four-year, African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) and European Union (EU)-financed Development Minerals Programme implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Jamaica's MGD. The equipment includes a computer server/storage area network (SAN) capable of supporting larger Geographic Information System (GIS) files; Slope Stability Assessment tools – including aerial drones, server racks and shelves, consoles; laptop and tablet, desktop computer, binoculars, rangefinders, etc. to enable staff to use the latest technology, as well as to improve the delivery of service. The equipment also permits updating and ease of access to a new Development Minerals database and web map that digitizes location, quantities and access routes of mineral deposits across Jamaica using Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The Slope Stability Assessment's (aerial drone) will help to fight the threats posed by land degradation, water-related risks and extreme water events related to climate modification. GIS technologies create efficiency and productivity opportunities in all aspects of mineral exploration and mining. It enables a mineral exploration geologist and mine operator to mine intelligently, efficiently, competitively, safely, and in an environmentally compatible manner.



**Cutting the ribbon on the computer server/storage area network (SAN) transferred to the Ministry of Transport of Mining by the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme is Commissioner of Mines & Geology Roy Nicholson. Participating in the transfer ceremony is Head of the European Union Delegation to Jamaica, Ambassador Malgorzata Wasilewska (centre), Dr Oral Rainford, Principal Director, Mining/Minerals Policy Planning and Development, Ministry of Transport and Mining (left) and UNDP Jamaica Programmes Specialist, Richard Kelly.**



New IT equipment will strengthen efficiencies in identifying, mining and extracting minerals for development, growth and job creation





The new Development Minerals database and web map gives information on location, quality and quantity of minerals in Jamaica including access to transport routes, economic factors and images of what the minerals look like. There is information on quarries, type of material quarried, quarry and license ID and images of the actual quarries. The webmap can be used for further research

#### Odane McKoy

Senior Geologist, Economic Minerals Unit, Mines and Geology Division, Ministry of Transport and Mining.

Jamaica's Sixth National Report outlined progress in achieving the Aichi Targets which are broadly, how did Jamaica: Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society

Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity

Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building

One of our programmatic priorities is also supporting Jamaica to fulfil its international commitments to Biodiversity. With UNDP support in 2019, Jamaica submitted its Sixth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) that outlined the measures taken to implement the provisions of the CBD and national effectiveness in meeting CBD objectives, specifically focused on Jamaica's progress in reporting on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

A Partnership Agreement between the National Conservation Trust Fund of Jamaica (NCTFJ) and the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund was finally signed in 2019, allowing Jamaica to access at least USD200 000 annually to fund management of Jamaica's Protected Areas. This major win for biodiversity protection in Jamaica comes three years after the NCTFJ was established with funding from the Global Environment Facility in 2016 to provide a sustainable financing mechanism to fund management of Jamaica's protected areas (PAs). Initial capitalization was provided by World Bank, KfW Bank (German state-owned development bank), USAID and the Nature Conservancy.



A security guard at Oracabessa Bay beach, nesting site for Hawksbill sea turtles points out the trail made by mature turtles on their way to lay their eggs

## Why do we need biodiversity?

Biodiversity helps humans secure basic needs such as food, fuel, shelter, and medicine. Furthermore, ecosystems provide crucial services such as pollination, seed dispersal, climate regulation, water purification, nutrient cycling, and control of agricultural pests. Biodiversity also holds value for potential benefits not yet recognized, such as new medicines and other possible unknown services. - American Museum of Natural History, retrieved 7 May 2020 from <https://bit.ly/35DG7WW>

Taken at Oracabessa Bay Fish Sanctuary, this scene demonstrates the tension that often exists between livelihoods and biodiversity. By nurturing sustainable livelihoods, UNDP and partners demonstrate that it is possible to live and earn in harmony with nature



# Democratic Governance

Section of the audience at the launch of the 2019 Witness Care Conference, convened under the Global Affairs Canada-funded JUST Project. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Justice and the UNDP.



**Working to build better lives** for and with witnesses in civil and criminal cases and communities by expanding access to justice services; Involuntarily Returned Migrants;



**Key Partner institutions:** Ministry of Justice, Ministry of National Security.



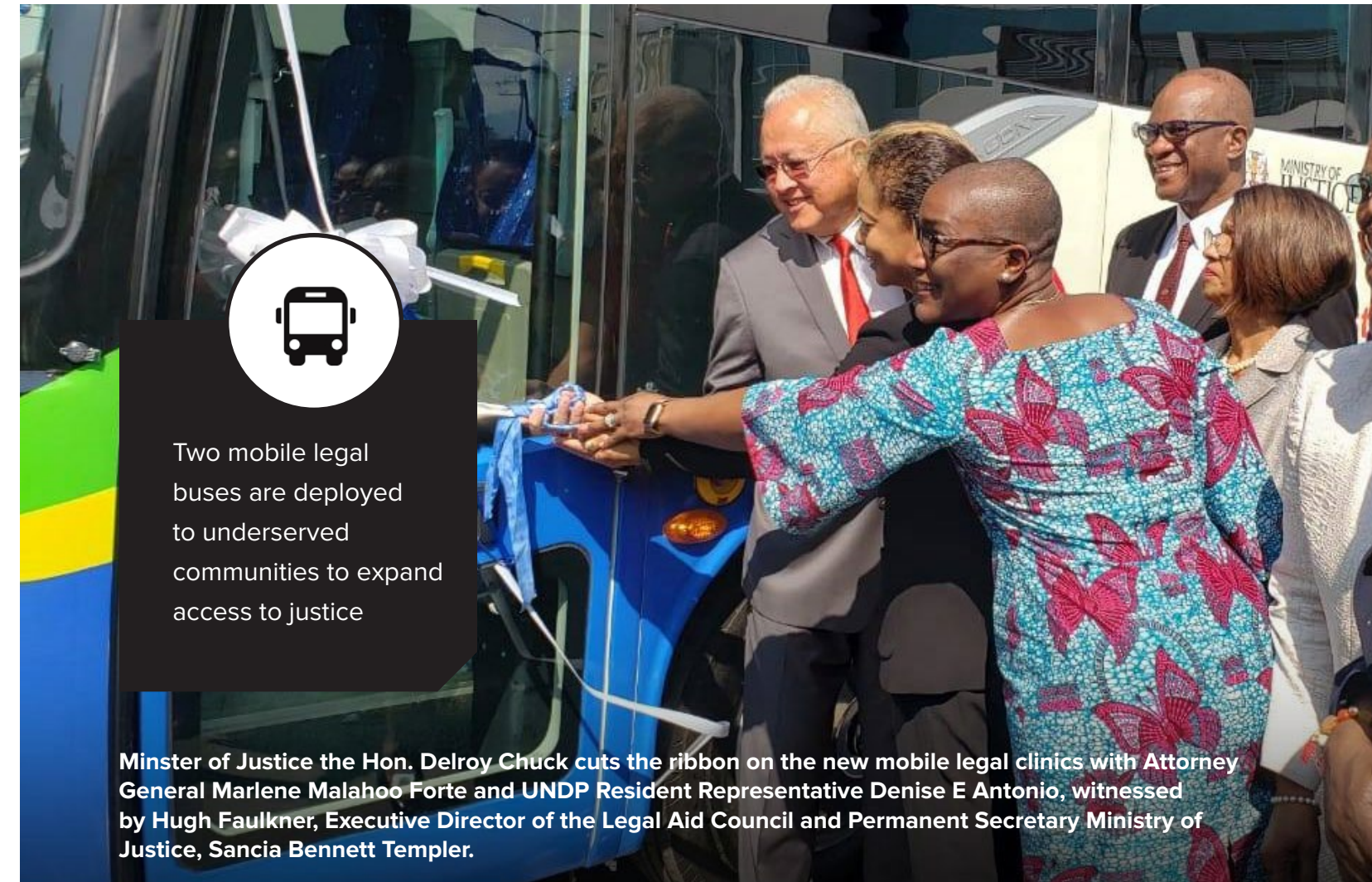
**Donors:** Global Affairs Canada, UNDP



Rev Osbourne Bailey, Director of the Ministry of Justice's Victim Services Division in Panel Discussion, Day Two, Witness Care Conference 2019

In 2019, strengthening institutionalization of justice sector reforms in Jamaica continued under the Justice Undertakings for Social Transformation (JUST) programme funded by Global Affairs Canada. The Ministry of Justice's legislative drafting process was significantly strengthened with the training of team members in a Legislative Production Management System (LPMS). The training focused specifically on improving the efficiency of the Ministry in standardizing the legislative drafting process. Two mobile buses/units were procured that resulted in the expansion of access to legal information, legal advice and support services to rural and underserved urban communities. These units would also support delivery of services from Legal Aid, Restorative Justice, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Child Diversion and other departments of the Ministry of Justice.

One of the most anticipated events on the justice calendar in 2019 was Jamaica's first ever Victim and Witness Care Conference targeting local and international Child Court Administrators, jurists and justice sector experts. Marked by open, frank and rich discussions, the conference helped to raised awareness about the importance of witnesses to law and order and the implementation of best practices to strengthen and support the participation of citizens in court processes in Jamaica. Conference highpoints included the verbal commitment by the Minister of Justice to improve the state of witness care and protection in Jamaica, and an announcement that practitioners in social work, prosecution, law enforcement and court administration would join forces to advance witness care in Jamaica.



Two mobile legal buses are deployed to underserved communities to expand access to justice

Minister of Justice the Hon. Delroy Chuck cuts the ribbon on the new mobile legal clinics with Attorney General Marlene Malahoo Forte and UNDP Resident Representative Denise E Antonio, witnessed by Hugh Faulkner, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Council and Permanent Secretary Ministry of Justice, Sancia Bennett Templer.

There integration and rehabilitation of Involuntarily Returned Migrants (IRMs) remained a priority in 2019 as Jamaica sought to positively integrate the potential contributions of this population into the national development space. To this end, UNDP supported the Ministry of National Security in training about twenty-five (25) IRMs in entrepreneurship of which ten received small grants to start businesses. Additionally, four Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) established to provide assistance to IRMs received capacity development to facilitate their support of IRMs in business development.

Training was also conducted to strengthen parish level interventions by strengthening the capacity of 25 local authority representatives on how to plan for and address the needs of IRMs. The national system to manage IRMs was further strengthened at the policy level through the completion and submission of a number of important policy papers to the Ministry of National Security for review. These include the draft deportation policy, Standard Operating Procedures and a Rehabilitation and Reintegration Strategy.

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Without attention to witness care, the levels of public participation in the delivery of justice can easily be compromised. If users’ have a limited understanding of justice processes, or feel intimidated by them, this may result in their unwillingness to engage. “Improving people’s legal awareness and empowering them to peacefully resolve disputes or use the law for advocacy to improve their lives and communities, can lead to legal reform and the reform of justice institutions to improve accountability and responsiveness to the people of Jamaica.”

**Her Excellency Laurie Peters**  
Canadian High Commissioner,

“A well-functioning justice sector is a precondition to spur economic growth and UNDP reaffirms its commitment to partner with the Government of Jamaica, GAC and other stakeholders to continue to support the country in advancing its justice reform priorities. Equal access to justice by every citizen is tantamount to human development, guaranteeing that everyone benefits from development gains and ensuring that no one is left behind.”

**Denise E Antonio**  
UNDP Resident Representative



Minister of Justice commits to improving the state of witness care and protection in Jamaica

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Rehabilitation and Reintegration Strategy is drafted to guide national action on Involuntarily Returned Migrants

Minister of Justice, Delroy Chuck unveils the new mobile legal buses with Canadian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Laurie Peters





# Crisis Prevention & Recovery



Working to build better lives with Schools, Teachers, Students, Farmers, Fishers, Community groups and Cooperatives, Air conditioning and refrigeration technicians, residents of vulnerable communities, micro and small business enterprises



**Key Partner institutions:** Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Climate Change Division, local community groups, National Environmental and Planning Agency, Jamaica 4H, Ministry of Industry, Commerce Agriculture and Fisheries; Public Hospitals, Ministry of Health, Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, Development Bank of Jamaica.

**Key Partner institutions in the Bahamas:** National Emergency Management Agency, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Disaster Preparedness, Management and Reconstruction; Disaster Reconstruction Authority



**Donors:** Global Environment Facility, Montreal Protocol, Small Grants Programme, Human Security Trust Fund, UNICEF, UNDP

The Kigali Amendment aims for the phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) by cutting their production and consumption. ... The goal is to achieve over 80% reduction in HFC consumption by 2047. The impact of the amendment will avoid up to 0.5 °C increase in global temperature by the end of the century. Retrieved from <https://www.unido.org/> on 7 May 2020



A baseline assessment has been completed outlining number and type of ozone-harming hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) entering Jamaica's ports



Jamaica's importation of ozone harming Hydro-chlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) is on the decline and 186 metric tonnes ahead of its 2019 target



Through UNDP's significant Crisis Prevention and Recovery portfolio, the MCO in Jamaica remains committed to supporting national resilience building priorities, focusing primarily on a range of impacts related to Climate Change such as increased frequency and severity of hurricanes, floods and droughts.

UNDP's projects in climate resilience and disaster risk management have engaged communities on the frontlines of Climate Change, helping to build local mitigation and adaptation capacities of ordinary people in vulnerable locations and bringing real transformation where risks are evident. The portfolio was also leveraged to strengthen the regulatory environment for Climate

Change mitigation and adaptation in Jamaica and to specifically support The Commonwealth of The Bahamas to recover from a devastating category five hurricane while building national resilience against future shocks.

Led by the Government of Jamaica and supported by UNDP, Jamaica fulfilled its international commitments related to Climate Change by supporting national and local capacity building to fulfil obligations under the Paris Agreement and the Third National Communication and Biennial Update Report to the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) which had been submitted the previous year. The Third National Communication and Biennial

Update Report, UNDP supported training of 20 government representatives in Greenhouse Gas Database Management, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and supported training of 22 government representatives in Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment.

In 2019, Jamaica continued to support repair of the earth's ozone layer under the leadership of the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), with funding from the Montreal Protocol. UNDP facilitated the completion of a Legal Assessment to determine the country's readiness to ratify the Kigali Amendment – a global agreement targeting the phase down of ozone-harming hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). Drafting recommendations were also developed as part of this legal assessment. It is expected that this will be further developed into drafting instructions by the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) and submitted to Cabinet to facilitate the amendments to relevant laws. In further preparation for Jamaica's ratification of the Amendment, a baseline assessment was undertaken to determine the number and type of products entering the country which contain hydrofluorocarbon (HFC). The assessment will assist the Jamaica Customs Agency in determining the amount of HFC in the country, including possible stockpiles of HFC-containing substances which could impact the phasing down timeline. A public awareness workshop was also conducted targeting members of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning RAC sector, importers of HFCs, tertiary level students pursuing RAC courses and other industry stakeholders to build awareness about the Kigali Amendment and how the various sectors would be impacted. At the end of 2019, Jamaica had imported 55.23 metric tonnes of the ozone harming Hydro-chlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) - putting the country 186 metric tonnes ahead of its 2019 target.



Dane Rookwood, AC and refrigeration repair technician learned how to retrofit his trade with ozone-friendly gases under the HPMP Phase Out Management Project implemented by the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) and funded by the Montreal Protocol through UNDP.



A 76-kilowatt Solar PV System has been installed at May Pen hospital, with expected savings of JMD 3.5 million dollars annually



Training in energy management and Solar PV has prepared government maintenance staff to sustain investments in Renewable energy and energy efficiency

## He helps save the ozone layer

Dane Rookwood installs and repairs refrigeration and air conditioning units for a living. Working with cooling gases is part of his everyday routine. Since training and retrofitting his trade under the project, Rookwood has been switching to the ozone friendly HFC. He says he is down to 50% of the harmful HCFCs, using only what is required to service existing units in Jamaica that still run on the older gas. “Customers are very happy with the use of the gas (that preserves the ozone layer)” he said. They are seeing an extended life span on their compressors, and their units work cooler and better. I recommend that everyone should go to the new hydrocarbon natural gas. It will make your (AC) unit work better,” Rookwood recommends.





Before we got this tank we struggled to get water to the farm. We would have crops dying, withered as a result of lack of water. But since we got the infrastructure ... we were able to put in some fruits, some peppers, some melons some pumpkins, and as a result we have had water to sustain the entire farm.” Pumpkins are sold to the school canteen and the income is used to fund the the breakfast feeding programme, she reports

**Ophelia Foster Scott**  
Mt Peto 4H leader and Guidance Counsellor



“The water harvesting equipment has impacted us in a major way. We are now able to collect and store more water on a consistent basis. I would say from about 50 to 60%. If it rains for three hours consistently from day one to day four then our tank would be full.” -

**Marvin Daley,**  
Mt Peto Primary Operations Manager



Students of agriculture were previously challenged to complete their practicals because this required observation of a working school farm - a challenge as persistent drought had made the farm non-productive. Now that they can observe a thriving school farm, they have seen a “100% completion and submission rate for School Based Assessments (SBA) in the standard CSEC exams.”

**Annette Chambers Brown,**  
Denbigh High Agricultural Sciences Teacher



Students of Mt Peto Primary in Hanover pose by a water tank installed as part of a rainwater harvesting system under the UNDP-implemented Japan Caribbean Climate Change Partnership

UNDP remains committed to supporting Jamaica’s vision of a 50% renewable energy target by focusing on sectors which utilise significant levels of fossil fuels and deploying fit for purpose solutions. In 2019, UNDP further advanced work to retrofit six public hospitals with renewable energy and energy efficient solutions thanks to funding from the Global Environment Facility (under its 5th replenishment cycle) in collaboration with the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica (PCJ) and the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ). In 2019, a 76-kilowatt Solar PV System was installed at the May Pen Hospital which

is expected to save public spending of approximately JMD 3.5 million dollars annually. Additionally, contracts were mobilized for 87-kilowatt Solar PV systems at the Sir John Golding and National Chest Hospitals. Through the GEF 5-funded project, UNDP also sought to strengthen the sustainability of the investments through capacity building: Training and certification in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency with a focus on solar photovoltaic technologies was provided for eighty (80) technicians from the public sector as well as representatives of the health sector, academia and NGOs. Additionally,

35 maintenance staff were trained in Energy management and Solar PV operation and maintenance, and another 40 in Energy Performance Contracting (EPC), including representatives from the PCJ, DBJ, Jamaica Productivity Centre and other Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies. As part of the sustainability framework, National Guidelines for the Operation and Maintenance of Solar PVs was drafted for further review. A Framework for a sustainable ESCO (energy service company) Business Model in Jamaica including a road map for implementation, was developed during the reporting period, promising

a model approach for the proliferation of renewable and energy efficiency solutions without significant upfront costs to the customer. The ESCO model can potentially revolutionize the expansion of renewables by removing the barrier of upfront costs.

2019 was a year of consolidation for the Japan-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership (JCCCP) in Jamaica which had increased water storage capacity by 65,800 gallons through installation of fifty eight 1000-gallon tanks and twelve 650-gallon tanks along with guttering and drip irrigation lines at 70 locations island-wide starting from the previous year. Focusing on sustainability through capacity development, UNDP supported three Training of Trainers Workshops and three Training of Youth Workshops attended by 80 participants, and training in climate change adaptation principles and techniques. In order to release the full potential of agriculture in drought-stricken areas, climate-smart technology and capacity building has been provided to farming districts through

the provision of 20 drip irrigation systems in Clarendon. Twenty sessions in irrigation installation, operations and maintenance, troubleshooting, irrigation fittings identification and water meter readings were conducted for 20 farmers, and farmers' meetings were hosted to discuss crop diversification, climate-smart agricultural practices, farmer group organization and farm management. Subsequently, farmers have added fertigation systems, which is a proven method of incorporating fertilizer through the drip irrigation system. The impacts of the investments continued to resonate in 2019 with more than 50,000 females and 40,000 males continuously gaining benefits from improved climate-resilient irrigation systems. This includes student population, teacher/parents/community members, special needs person and other youth involved in agriculture. Irrigated school gardens continue to be used as teaching aids in agriculture, climate change impacts, integrated science, environmental science and as a practical exercise for School Based Assessments.



Students of Little London High in Westmoreland with Everal Spence, Agricultural Science Teacher inspect the rainwater harvesting system installed under the UNDP-implemented Japan Caribbean Climate Change Partnership.



Under the joint United Nations programme, Strengthening Human Resilience in Northern Clarendon and West Kingston, funded under the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security, UNDP supported water security at the policy level. In partnership with the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, the Policy and regulatory Framework for water resources management was strengthened through the completion of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Jamaica's Water Sector Policy. A Gender Aware Beneficiary Assessment (GABA) of the delivery of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services (WASH) provided by Jamaica's National Water Commission (NWC) and other

relevant service providers to the residents of Northern Clarendon and West Kingston areas also commenced during 2019. The multifaceted human security project also focused on increasing local community committees' capacity to plan, budget and monitor basic service delivery at the local governance level. To this end, youth and community leaders completed training in areas that improved their information technology and project management skills. Partnerships were also established that resulted in community groups being mentored and provided with technical support through the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) and the Social Development Commission (SDC).

## Supporting recovery and resilience in The Bahamas

When category five Hurricane Dorian hit The Bahamas, UNDP deployed a first responder team to support immediate recovery efforts. Subsequently, UNDP committed over one million USD dollars from core resources to support improvements to resilient infrastructure, environmental restoration, recovery planning and strategic partnerships. Key activities included debris and waste management; Housing and Building Damage Assessments and the development of a National Recovery Strategy. Employing UNDP's innovative Housing and Building Damage Assessment (HBDA) Toolkit, in partnership with Engineers Without Borders and technical officers from the Ministry of Public Works in The Bahamas over 3,000 buildings in Grand Bahama and Abaco were assessed in 2019. This data helped in providing a clear picture of the damage sustained as well as assisted in informing Government's decisions on the recovery process, cost estimations of damages and plans for new and more resilient public policies to build better.

UNDP and UNICEF finalized a partnership agreement paving the way for a debris removal programme in selected schools in the affected islands while providing emergency livelihoods for members of impacted communities. In further support of The Bahamas' long-term recovery process, UNDP signed an agreement with the University of the West Indies (UWI) to develop a resilient recovery strategy and implementation plan; a resilient recovery policy and an institutional assessment of the Disaster Reconstruction Authority (DRA). UNDP in partnership with the government also announced a private sector pledge conference to mobilize requisite support.



UNDP global commits  
One Million USD  
to post hurricane  
recovery in The  
Bahamas



In the past, data collection was a tedious process; information was collected on paper and then transferred to Excel. Now, this innovative way of data collection produces real-time interactive reports for rapid assessments”

**Gayle Outten-Moncur**

*Manager of NEMA’s National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) on UNDP’s Building Damage Assessment Toolkit.*



The BDA toolkit will also inform the prioritization for risk-informed rehabilitation and re-building, assist the Government on the quantification of damage, prioritize for faster recovery, monitoring and can also help with policy making for disaster preparedness. The tool has been useful, since it allows users to upload the information straight away. Reports can be generated in real-time for review and analysis.”

**Francis Clarke,**

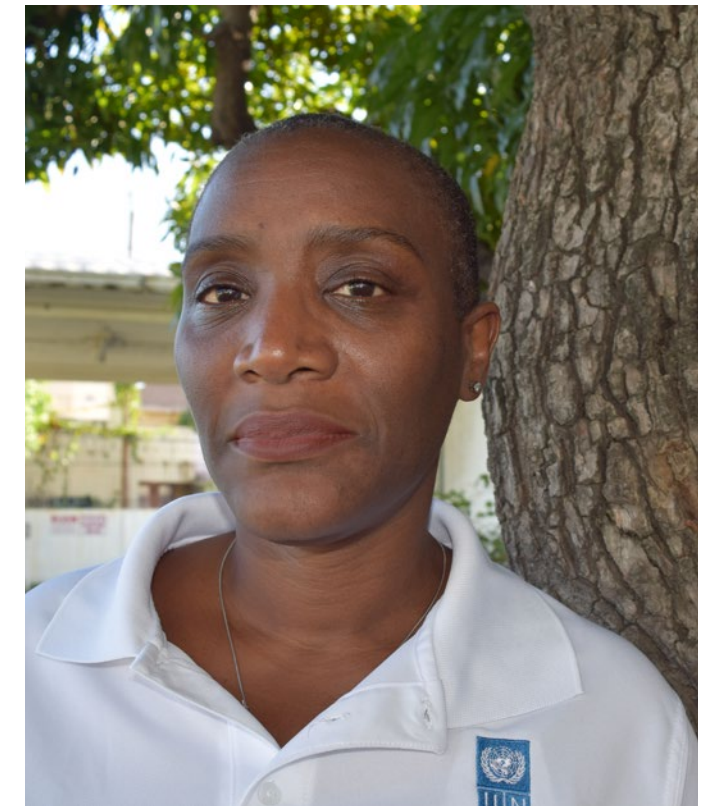
*Senior Engineer, Ministry of Public Works (MOPW), The Bahamas .*



UNDP is here to support the government in early recovery through our global network of technical expertise. While recognizing that the welfare of the affected populations and all the citizens of The Bahamas is of utmost priority, building back better and promoting resilience are also crucial. To this end, we are actively engaging with government and are committed to rebuilding a more resilient Bahamas”.

**Denise Antonio,**

*UNDP Resident Representative, UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica with responsibility for The Bahamas.*





David Murray, President of UNDP/ GEF SGP grantee, Oracabessa Fishers Association and Warden supervisor at the fish sanctuary. He is also Chairman of the board of the Marine Trust

## The UNDP- implemented Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP)

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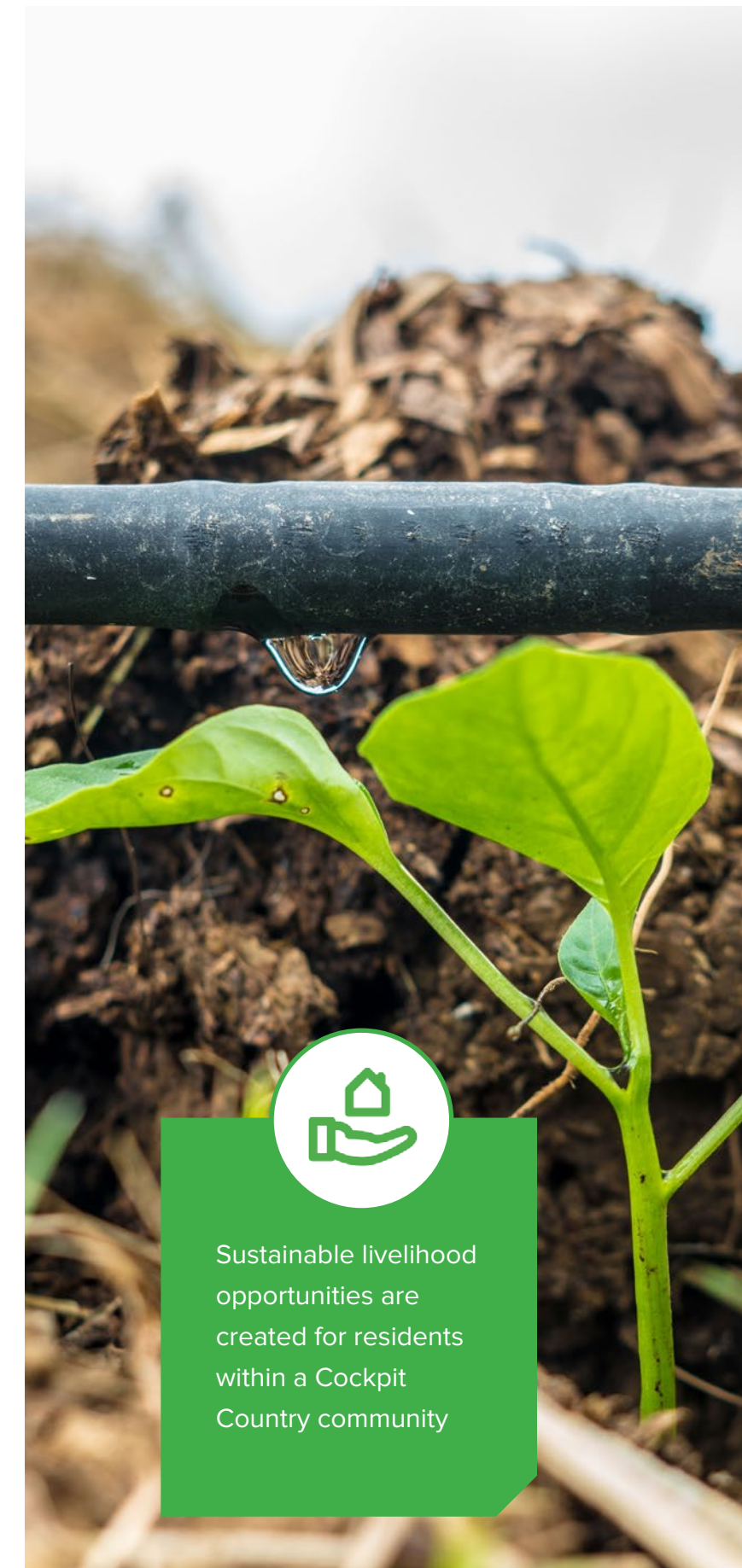
Guided by the mandate of leaving no one behind, UNDP/GEF SGP is using a social inclusion approach to strengthen community resilience as a means of ensuring sustainable management of Jamaica's natural resources. In this instance

the target groups were 'at risk youth' and the elderly. In 2019 a number of preparatory activities were initiated including two workshops on Climate Change awareness and Disaster Risk management in two communities in St. Ann, Jamaica. Working with these socially excluded individuals and community groups, clean-up and preparation of the project site started with the culling of trees, bushing as well as upgrading of the forest trail, which provided employment. Community resilience activities were also conducted among schools in the communities of Crooked River, Richmond Park and Mt Airey in Jamaica. Focused on strengthening food security using energy efficient technologies, UNDP/GEF SGP supported the installation of three Solar Photovoltaic Systems, which is expected to pave the way for the efficient operation of schools and cultivation of food, benefiting 300 youth. Training in Maintenance of Renewable Energy Systems, a training manual and public awareness activities are all securing the sustainability of the investments.

Working with the Sawyers Community within Jamaica's world-famous Cockpit Country, residents have been empowered to preserve the area's rich biodiversity through reforestation efforts, while ensuring their participation in alternative and sustainable livelihood opportunities. To this end, 17 persons were trained in apiculture, 28 in screen printing and 44 persons from two communities have switched livelihoods to pepper and pineapple farming. The procurement and installation of an automatic weather station in partnership with the Meteorological Service of Jamaica (Met Office) is helping the community to track weather patterns.

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Juvenile iguana at the Hope Zoo nurtured under a UNDP/ GEF SGP project



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**Quarrie**  
Caretaker of the Iguanas poses with a juvenile



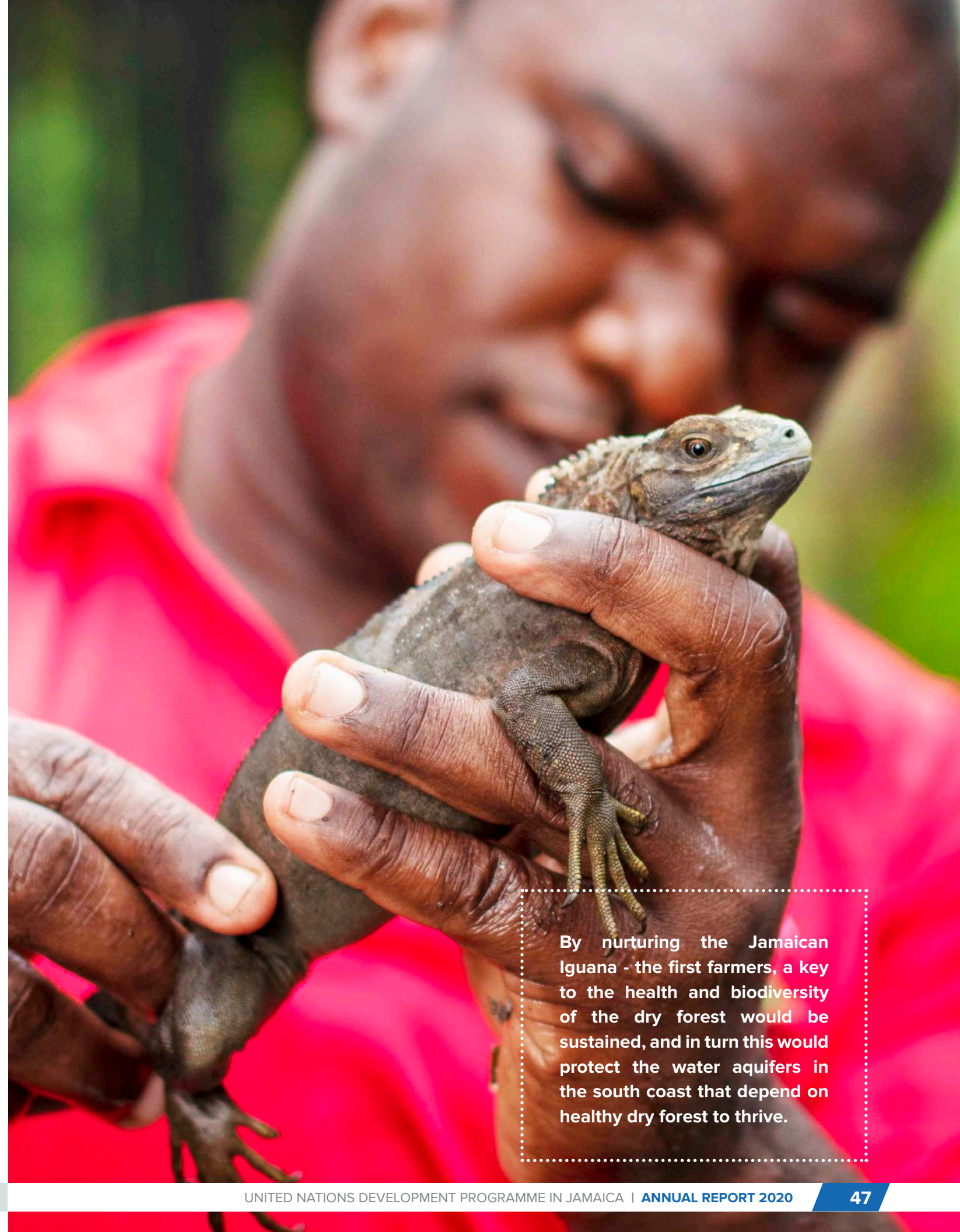
The results of the programme have been very positive. All the health indicators are pointing in the right direction. “This is the best health evaluation we have had in history.”

**Milton Rieback**  
Hope Zoo General Curator



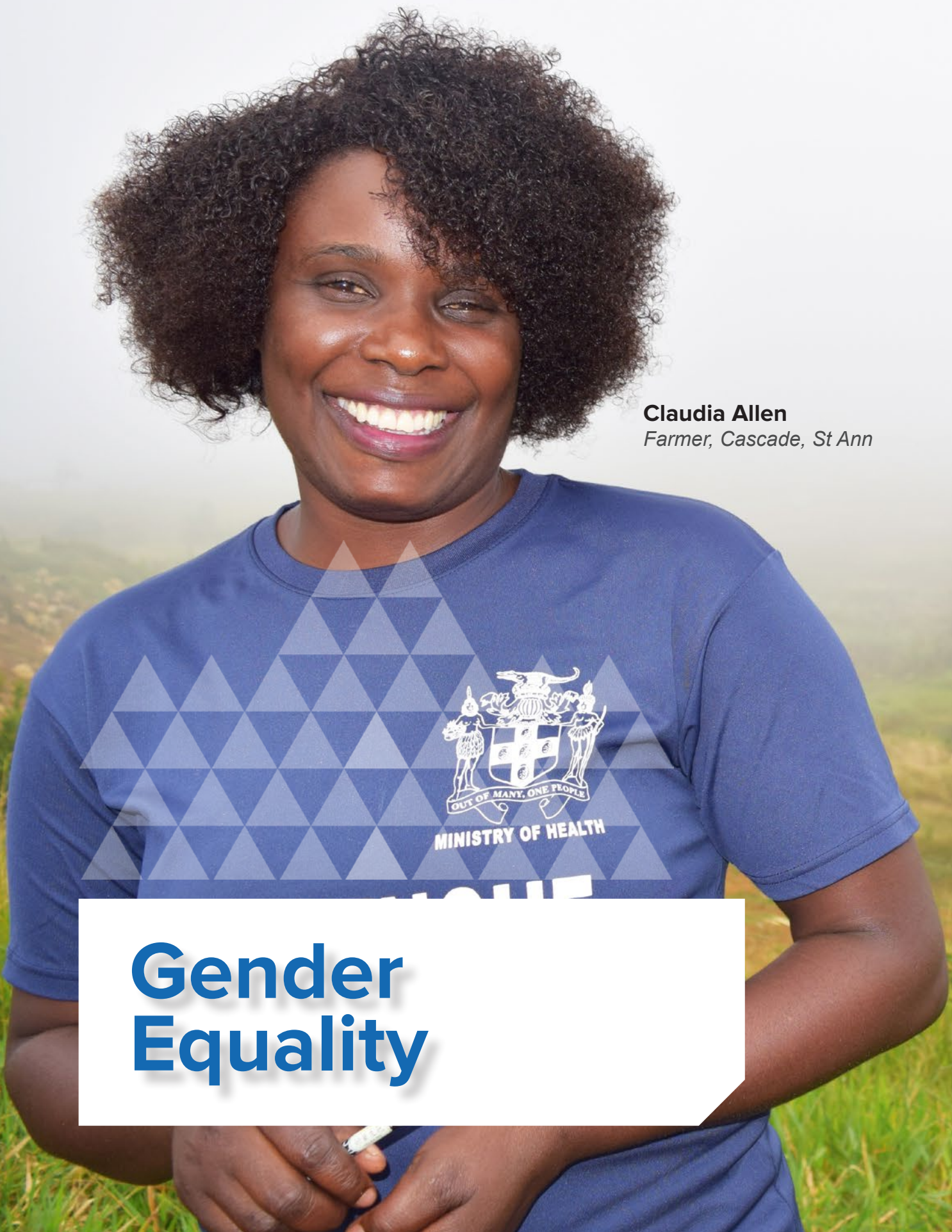
Growth trends of the iguanas indicate that release times could be positively shortened. With health indicators on the up, the numbers of habitat-ready adults released into the wild have doubled.

**Dr Stesha Pasachnik**  
Head of the Iguana Start project



By nurturing the Jamaican Iguana - the first farmers, a key to the health and biodiversity of the dry forest would be sustained, and in turn this would protect the water aquifers in the south coast that depend on healthy dry forest to thrive.





**Claudia Allen**  
*Farmer, Cascade, St Ann*



# Gender Equality



**Working to build better lives** for and with Women and Men, Boys and Girls



**Key Partner institutions:** Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports, Bureau of Gender Affairs, Civil Society Organisations



**Donors:** European Union, UNDP



In reporting select findings from his company's survey, Donovan said they revealed a positive perception by staff of the degree of gender sensitivity in Rubis' recruitment and selection process. "We are certainly happy to know employees feel that way about the company," he said. The survey also highlighted perceptions that there were similar training opportunities for men and women, and balance in opportunities for promotion" he revealed. There is also a balanced perception that mechanisms are available and accessible to deal with harassment, including sexual harassment in the workplace. "We have a robust policy around that," he explained. "We call it the touch and go policy. If you touch you go." He said Rubis was very excited about the final outcomes of the certification programme and encouraged other private sector companies to do so without delay."

**Donovan Dobson**

*Rubis Energy Jamaica's Human Resources Manager,*



Inspector Natalie Palmer of the Jamaica Constabulary Force

**Gender Equality and Equity is of paramount significance to a country reaching its fullest potential and is at the forefront of our work.**

In 2019 four local enterprises – among the first in Jamaica and the Caribbean, signed on to UNDP's Gender Equality Seal Certification programme and completed a robust self-assessment and staff opinion survey, a crucial milestone in the international ten-step programme and certification process. The trailblazing local enterprises advancing to the next level in the certification process at the end of 2019 were Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, Rubis Energy Jamaica, Island Grill and Facey Commodity.

2019 also marked a milestone in addressing violence against women and girls. UNDP and four other UN agencies partnered with the Government of Jamaica on initiating the joint planning process for the global Spotlight Initiative funded by the European Union. The project document was finalized paving the way for a comprehensive, multi sectoral and multi-faceted intervention aimed at addressing and eliminating Family Violence with a focus on Gender Based Violence. Given UNDP's comparative advantage and expertise, the Programme is leading on components related to developing and Implementing relevant legislation and policies, and strengthening national and sub-national institutions. UNDP will also collaborate on other components related to establishing and strengthening essential services for victims and survivors and ensuring the collection and use of prevalence and incidence data.



UNDP Resident Representative Denise E Antonio on location in The Bahamas shortly after the passage of hurricane Dorian, converses with the recovery team, UNDP programmes specialist, Richard Kelly and UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Ugo Blanco

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### At a Glance

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- Delivers international standard development services:
- Ensures fiduciary oversight during implementation
- Monitors quality assurance, results and impact



A youngster from Trench Town learning clay art skills funded under the ACP EU Development Minerals Programme

# Project listing

CATEGORY & PROJECT	DONOR
<b>Sustainable Development</b>	
Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development	ACP/EU
Sixth National Reports on Biodiversity in LAC	GEF
Engagement Facility	UNDP
Stockholm POP National Implementation Plan	GEF
Advancing the SDGs through Vision 2030 Jamaica	UNDP
Initiation Plan for E-Mobility Project	GEF
<b>Democratic Governance</b>	
Justice Undertakings for Social Transformation (JUST)	GAC
Rejuvenating Communities: A Social Cohesive Approach	UNDP, RISE, UBRAF
Returned Migrants in Jamaica	Cities Alliance
JUST Social Order Component	GAC
<b>Crisis Recovery and Prevention</b>	
HCFC Phase out Management Plan -1st Stage Implementation	Montreal Protocol
TNC and BUR to the UNFCCC	GEF, UNDP
Deployment of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	GEF, UNDP
Japan-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership	Government of Japan
GEF 6 Initiation Plan	GEF

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<b>Crisis Recovery and Prevention</b>	
Strengthening Human Resilience	UNTFHS, UNDP
Initiation Plan for Ratification of Kigali Amendment	Montreal Protocol Government of Japan
Resilient Recovery Programme - Bahamas	UNICEF, UNDP, Funding Window, Administrator Funds
<b>Gender Equality</b>	
Enhancing Gender Equality and Mainstreaming	GAC, DFID
Spotlight Initiative: To Eliminate Violence Against Women & Girls	EU
<b>GEF Small Grants Programme</b>	
Persons with Disabilities Protecting the Marine Ecosystems in the Negril Environmental Protection Area while Generating Sustainable Livelihoods	GEF SGP
Strengthening Community Resilience to Ensure Sustainable Management of Our Natural Resources Through Social Inclusion	
Strengthening Community Resilience while Ensuring Food Security through Efficient Management of Natural Resources with the Use of Energy Efficient Technology	
Preserving Natural Resources while Generating Sustainable Livelihoods in the Sawyers Community	

## CATEGORY & PROJECT

## DONOR

Expansion of the Rescue Centre to Support In-situ Conservation of Jamaican Protected and Endangered Fauna and Flora through Capacity Building and Community Education

## Acronyms

- Aus Aid** - Australian Agency for International Development
- DFID** - Department For International Development (UK)
- EU** - European Union
- GAC** - Global Affairs Canada
- GEF** - Global Environment Facility
- UNTFHS** - United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security

# Financial Report 2019

## United Nations Development Programme in Jamaica Annual Report Financials for the year ended 31 December 2019

Category	Total Budget for Duration of Projects (2012 - 2019)	Total Budget for 2019	Total Utilisation (Commitments + Expenditure) for 2019
Sustainable Development	1,576,500	615,246	537,742
Democratic Governance	8,475,478	1,932,683	1,167,777
Crisis Recovery and Prevention	5,843,889	1,597,271	1,281,391
GEF Small Grants Programme	1,795,538	675,950	590,041
Gender Equality	65,000	33,000	31,141
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,755,905</b>	<b>4,854,150</b>	<b>3,608,092</b>



Young participants of a skills training Workshop in Trench Town learn how to make clay art under the ACP/EU funded Development Minerals Programme implemented by UNDP and Ministry of Transport and Mining.



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