

**Jamaica – Open Government Partnership (OGP):
National Action Plan (NAP) 2021-2023**

First Progress Report on Status of Implementation

January – December 2022

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1. Background and Context

This is the first public progress report on the implementation of Jamaica's first National Action Plan (NAP) under the Open Government Partnership (OGP) process. The NAP was submitted to the OGP in December 2021 and is being implemented over the period from January 2022 – August 2023. This first public progress report covers the period January – December 2022, and discusses the progress made toward implementing the seven (7) commitments in the OGP NAP during this reporting period. The progress report has been prepared in line with the reporting requirements of the OGP process by the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS), as the lead ministry for the OGP process in Jamaica, and reviewed by the OGP Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF), based on information provided on the status of the seven (7) commitments in the OGP NAP by each of the six (6) implementing ministries and agencies of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), as follows:

Commitment	Lead Implementing Ministry/Agency
1. Complete National Anti-Corruption Strategy	Integrity Commission
2. Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System in Jamaica	Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET)
3. Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica	Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
4. Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights	Ministry of Justice (MOJ) Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs
5. Complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)
6. Update and Implement the Climate Change Policy Framework	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)
7. Strengthen Youth Participation and Access to Services	Ministry of Education and Youth (MOEY)

It is important to note that the timeframes reflected in this progress report for commitments and milestone activities are the revised timeframes in the revised OGP NAP which was approved by Cabinet and submitted to the OGP in June 2022. In response to stakeholder feedback received, a new milestone activity was added to each of the OGP commitments to Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System in Jamaica and to Update and Implement the Climate Change Policy Framework respectively, which were also approved by Cabinet in June 2022, and are included in this progress report.

2. Highlights of Progress

The progress report on the OGP NAP indicates that progress is underway on all seven (7) commitments during the January – December 2022 review period, as highlighted below:

2.1 Complete National Anti-Corruption Strategy

The Evaluation Report on the consultancy bids which were received for the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS) has been completed for submission to the internal Procurement Committee of the Integrity Commission for its review. The Evaluation Committee concluded its review by April 1, 2022 and the Evaluation Report on the bids which were received for the National Anti-Corruption Strategy will be submitted to the internal Procurement Committee for its review and approval in keeping with the GOJ rules. However, following the review of bids received, it was concluded that the second attempt at the procurement for a Consultant which commenced in January 2022 had failed to yield any positive results and, consequently, the procurement process was ended in June 2022. Subsequently, the Integrity Commission has taken the decision to move forward with the development of the NAS without the aid of a consultant, and is developing the internal roadmap to initiate the full execution of the NAS.

2.2 Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System in Jamaica

Work on the technical aspects relating to the demand survey and the mapping of data sets has taken place, in preparation for the consultancy for the upgrading of the Open Data Portal. Meetings of the OGP technical planning group for Open Data took place during June 2022, to develop the draft TOR for the consultancy to upgrade the Open Data Portal. The Terms of Reference (TORs) for the consultancy(ies) to undertake the upgrading of the Open Data Portal and supporting activities in two (2) Lots were completed in September 2022. The advertisements for Request for Expressions of Interest were published on September 11, 2022, and the period for responses was extended to October 6, 2022. Following the evaluation of the responses to the Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for consultancy(ies) to support the upgrading of the Open Data Portal and related activities, the shortlisted candidate for Lot 1 decided to withdraw from the process. The TOR for Lot 1 was subsequently revised to seek an individual consultant to undertake the demand survey and dataset mapping exercises. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to the shortlisted candidate for Lot 2 in December 2022.

2.3 Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica

The establishment of a new Joint Select Committee (JSC) of Parliament has been proposed by OPM, to receive and review submissions by stakeholders on the proposed amendment of the ATI Act. A draft Cabinet Submission on the proposed establishment of the new JSC of Parliament has been prepared by OPM. Planning and preparation for virtual workshops for ATI Responsible Officers was advanced.

2.4 Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights

Procurement for the establishment of the Jamaica Legal Information Portal (JLIP) is underway under the Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth (FCGP) project using

World Bank (WB) procurement rules. Terms of Reference for consultant has been approved and went to tender. The technical specifications for equipment procurement have been completed. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lead Developer/IT Consultant for the JLIP has been finalized. The JLIP Portal project is at the point of procurement of equipment and selection of service providers. The bid process was initiated in October 2022 with the issue of the RFP. Bids have been received and are to be evaluated. Scanning of documents is also underway, including past issues of the Jamaica Gazette and the Laws of Jamaica, for future uploading when the JLIP is operational.

2.5 Complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations

The updated preliminary drafting instructions for the EIA regulations were received by MEGJC from the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) in late March 2022. An internal review of the preliminary drafting instructions was conducted in April 2022, and MEGJC sent comments on the updated preliminary drafting instructions to NEPA in May 2022.

2.6 Update and Implement the Climate Change Policy Framework

The stakeholder and public consultations on the Green Paper for the updating of the Climate Change Policy Framework were completed online over the period from November 2021 – February 2022. Amendments are being made to the updated Climate Change Policy Framework (Green Paper) based on the feedback received in the stakeholder and public consultations.

2.7 Strengthen Youth Participation and Access to Services

Preliminary steps are underway by MOEY for most of the activities under the commitment to strengthen youth participation and access to services. A Research, Monitoring and Evaluation manager for the Youth and Adolescents Policy Division of MOEY has been recruited as of the start of September 2022, and a draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the National Youth Policy is expected by the end of FY 2022/23. Draft Terms of Reference (TORs) have been developed for the Intersectoral Technical Working Group and letters of invitation to representatives to serve on the group have been drafted. The survey of youth programmes and services across the public sector, private sector and civil society for the National Youth Programmatic Inventory was launched in September 2022, with a projected completion date of September 30, 2022. The first round of data collection from youth-serving organizations has been completed. The introduction and background to the report are being drafted. The contract with JIS to upgrade the website of the Youth and Adolescents Policy Division (YAPD) is underway, and a site map for the website is being developed. The prototype and layout have been developed and the process for the migration of data is underway. It is anticipated that the website should be at a 50% completion by March 2023.

A detailed report on the progress made and implementation status for each milestone activity under the seven (7) commitments in the OGP NAP is provided in Table 1 below.

3. Key Issues and Challenges by Commitment

However, a number of activities are already delayed based on the progress reporting, with a common theme of constraints in human resources and funding impacting their timely implementation. The following is a summary of the current key issues and challenges for timely implementation of each of the seven (7) commitments in Jamaica's first OGP NAP.

3.1 Complete National Anti-Corruption Strategy

Following the successive failures of two attempts to procure a consultant to support the development of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, the key issue will be the capacity of the Integrity Commission to develop the NAS based on its own internal resources.

3.2 Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System in Jamaica

Letters of invitation for the re-engagement of the Open Data Committee under the new Open Data Policy were drafted and sent to the GOJ representatives. However the reconvening of the Open Data Committee was delayed beyond June 2022, with the committee holding its first meeting in August 2022. The role and modalities of participation of non-GOJ representatives on the Open Data Committee are being reviewed.

3.3 Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica

Human resource challenges have been identified for the activities relating to the preparation of improved guidelines for public bodies and ATI officers, conducting a programme of public education on the ATI system and rights, and development of proposal for the application of technology for online platform for making and tracking ATI requests.

3.4 Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights

The activities relating to the Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme have been delayed due to resource constraints.

3.5 Complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations

Staffing constraints in the Environment and Risk Management Branch, MEGJC, have led to delays in executing the activities for this commitment.

3.6 Update and Implement the Climate Change Policy Framework







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3.7 Strengthen Youth Participation and Access to Services







There have been delays in designing the M&E Framework to support the Implementation Plan for the National Youth Policy due to staffing constraints in the Youth and Adolescents Policy Division of MOEY.

4. Dashboard of Milestone Activity Implementation Status

The status of implementation of the milestone activities for each of the seven (7) commitments in the OGP National Action Plan for the January-December 2022 reporting period is also indicated visually in Table 1 based on the legend below. Where an activity has not yet started but is not delayed, then no status indicator is shown.

Milestone Activity Implementation Status	
Activity is complete	
Activity is on track	
Activity is delayed	
Activity is at risk	
No update on activity provided	
Activity is cancelled	
Activity has not yet started but is not delayed	[Blank]

5. Summary of Milestone Activity Implementation Status

Implementation Status	Status Indicator	Number of Activities	%
Activity is complete		1	2%
Activity is on track		4	10%
Activity is delayed		26	62%
Activity is at risk		0	0%
No update on activity provided		1	2%
Activity is cancelled		1	2%
Activity has not yet started but is not delayed	[Blank]	9	21%
TOTAL		42	100%




Note: Discrepancies in table may be due to rounding errors.





Table 1: Monthly Progress Report by Commitment

January - December 2022


Commitment and Lead Agency	Milestone Activities	Timeframe	Summary of Status and Progress		Main Issues, Challenges and Comments
			January - December 2022	Dashboard of Progress	
<p><u>Commitment:</u></p> <p>1. Complete National Anti-Corruption Strategy</p> <p><u>Lead Agency:</u></p> <p>Integrity Commission</p>	<p>Procure consultant to support development of Draft National Anti-Corruption Strategy</p>	<p>December 2021 - February 2022</p>	<p>The Integrity Commission re-tendered the Bid for the procurement of a Consultant to develop Jamaica's National Anti-Corruption Strategy, with the bid for the procurement of the Consultant formally published on January 10, 2022 via GOJEP using the International Competitive Bidding Methodology. A bidders' conference was convened on January 31, 2022 at 10:00 am. The tender process for the Consultant to execute the development of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy officially closed on March 4, 2022. During the week of March 21, 2022, the Commission commenced the process for evaluation of the bids received for finalisation and potential selection of a consultant. The Evaluation Committee concluded its review by April 1, 2022 and the Evaluation Report on the bids which were received for the National Anti-Corruption Strategy was submitted to the internal Procurement Committee for its review</p>	<p>Activity has been cancelled as the procurement process has not resulted in a satisfactory candidate for consultant.</p>	<p>Following the successive failures of two attempts to procure a consultant to support the development of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, the key issue will be the capacity of the Integrity Commission to develop the NAS based on its own internal resources.</p>


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			<p>and approval in keeping with the GOJ rules. Following the review of bids received, it was concluded that the second attempt at the procurement for a Consultant which commenced in January 2022 had failed to yield any positive results and, consequently, the procurement process was ended in June 2022. Having regard to the fact that attempts to secure a consultant have significantly delayed efforts to develop the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS), the Integrity Commission has taken the decision to move forward with the development of the NAS without the aid of a consultant. The development of the NAS will continue along the same lines as what was conceived under the consultancy and the Commission, will, in the main, maintain the timeframes for its conclusion. The Commission is developing the internal roadmap to initiate the full execution of the NAS and its integration with the OGP National Action Plan.</p>		


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	Conduct extensive stakeholder consultations on preparation of National Anti-Corruption Strategy	February 2022 - April 2022	Stakeholder consultations have been delayed due to cancellation of procurement process for consultant.		
	Develop Draft National Anti-Corruption Strategy	April 2022 - December 2022	Not yet commenced.		
	Conduct extensive stakeholder consultations on Draft National Anti-Corruption Strategy	January 2023 - February 2023			
	Complete National Anti-Corruption Strategy and submit to Cabinet	March 2023 - June 2023			
<u>Commitment:</u> 2. Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System	Complete Implementation Plan for the Open Data Policy	December 2021 - June 2022	The preparation of the Implementation Plan for the Open Data Policy is underway. However, the launch of the Open Data Policy has been delayed beyond September 2022.		It had initially been planned that the Open Data Policy would be launched in May 2022.


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<p>in Jamaica</p> <p><u>Lead Agency:</u></p> <p>Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET)</p>	Strengthen Open Data Committee including expanded representation and role of civil society	March 2022 - June 2022	The Open Data Committee was scheduled to re-engage in May 2022. The TOR for the Open Data Committee is to be revised to be in line with the new Open Data Policy. Letters of invitation for the new Committee members were drafted and sent to the GOJ representatives. The Open Data Committee has been re-established with membership of GOJ representatives, and held its first meeting in August 2022.		The role and modalities of participation of non-GOJ representatives on the Open Data Committee are being reviewed.
	Conduct comprehensive demand survey of Open Data users across the public sector, private sector and civil society	April 2022 - May 2022	The comprehensive demand survey of Open Data users has not yet commenced.		
	Conduct mapping of relevant Open Government Data sets across the public sector	May 2022 - September 2022	The mapping of relevant Open Government Data sets across the public sector has not yet commenced.		
	Upgrade the Open Data Portal, including application of technology to automate aspects of the Open Data system	June 2022 - December 2022	Work on the technical aspects relating to the demand survey and the mapping of data sets has taken place, in preparation for the consultancy for the upgrading of the Open Data Portal. Meetings of the OGP technical planning group for		



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			<p>Open Data took place during June 2022, to develop the draft TOR for the consultancy to upgrade the Open Data Portal. The Terms of Reference (TORs) for the consultancy(ies) to undertake the upgrading of the Open Data Portal and supporting activities in two (2) Lots were completed in September 2022. The advertisements for Request for Expressions of Interest were published on September 11, 2022, and the period for responses was extended to October 6, 2022. Following the evaluation of the responses to the Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for consultancy(ies) to support the upgrading of the Open Data Portal and related activities, the shortlisted candidate for Lot 1 decided to withdraw from the process. The TOR for Lot 1 was subsequently revised to seek an individual consultant to undertake the demand survey and dataset mapping exercises. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to the shortlisted candidate for Lot 2 in December 2022.</p>		


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	Publish and maintain a public list of Government data sets, including rationale and timelines for their publication or non-disclosure, and quarterly updates on priority list of data sets to be mainstreamed into the Open Data Portal	January 2023 - July 2023			
	Undertake technology transfer and training on the upgrading of the Open Data Portal	January 2023 - March 2023			
<u>Commitment:</u> 3. Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica	Conduct stakeholder and public consultations for preparation of drafting instructions for amendment of Access to Information (ATI) Act and regulations	May 2022 - July 2022	The advice of the Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC) was sought regarding Proposed Consultation Options. The AGC’s advice was received on April 11, 2022 and was reviewed. A virtual stakeholder meeting with Hon. Robert Morgan, Minister without Portfolio with responsibility for Information was held on May 18, 2022, to discuss efforts to improve Jamaica’s Access to Information regime within the context of Jamaica’s ATI commitment under the OGP NAP. The establishment of a new Joint Select Committee (JSC) of Parliament has been		The proposed establishment of the JSC of Parliament has the potential to enhance stakeholder participation in the amendment of the ATI Act, but may also extend the process beyond the proposed timelines under the revised OGP National Action Plan.

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<u>Lead Agency:</u> Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)			proposed by OPM, to receive and review submissions by stakeholders on the proposed amendment of the ATI Act. Steps are being taken to expedite the initiation of the review of the Access to Information Act and Regulations pursuant to Section 38 of the Access to Information Act. A draft Cabinet Submission on the proposed establishment of the new JSC of Parliament has been completed by OPM and submitted to the AGC and the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs for review and comment. The 2011 Report and Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee that reviewed the ATI Act is the baseline of the proposed Amendments being considered for consultation and JSC process.		
	Re-establish the ATI Advisory Stakeholder Committee, including confirmation of membership, approval of Terms of Reference (TOR), and endorsement of the ATI Advisory Stakeholder Committee by the relevant	April 2022 - June 2022	Preparatory work was undertaken for the meeting with ATI stakeholders and the Minister which took place in May 2022. A review of Access to Information Stakeholder frameworks in other jurisdictions has also been undertaken. However the re-establishment of the ATI Advisory Stakeholder Committee has been delayed beyond June 2022. A further review was conducted of		


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	Minister		expanded and inclusive ATI stakeholder engagement committee models to inform future discussions and recommendations.		
	Prepare Draft Bill to amend the ATI Act and regulations	April 2022 - January 2023	Delayed.		The OPM is awaiting the comments of the AGC and the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the draft Cabinet Submission on the proposed establishment of the new JSC of Parliament.
	Review of Draft Bill to amend the ATI Act and regulations by the ATI Advisory Stakeholder Committee	February 2023 - March 2023			
	Finalize Bill to amend the ATI Act and regulations	April 2023 - August 2023			



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	Prepare improved guidelines for public bodies and ATI officers	January 2022 - August 2022	<p>Review of Draft Guidelines undertaken. Review of Guidelines from FOI oversight bodies in Commonwealth jurisdictions with similar legislative provisions undertaken. An application for support for this activity under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) was submitted through the PIOJ and was approved. Discussions were held with the Regional Representative for the Canadian Executive Service Organization responsible for implementing technical support under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM). A Consultant was identified who is available to undertake the assignment. The Consultant support under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) was secured. A three-week in-country visit to Jamaica by the Consultant was undertaken over the period from September 12-30, 2022, to advance the development of improved guidelines for public bodies and ATI officers and the application of technology for the online platform for making and tracking ATI requests. The ATI Unit reviewed the initial recommendations of the Consultant under the</p>		<p>Human resource challenges: Technical support was approved under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) and support for a second in-country consultancy visit is being explored.</p>




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			Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) and continued work on updates to the Draft Guidelines on Discharge of Functions under the ATI Act and Regulations. However the preparation of improved guidelines for public bodies and ATI officers is delayed beyond August 2022.		
	Undertake capacity development and training for ATI officers	July 2022 - March 2023	<p>Delayed.</p> <p>Planning and preparation for virtual workshops for ATI Responsible Officers was advanced. A revised schedule was finalized for workshops for ATI Responsible Officers for July 2022. Subsequently, the workshops for ATI Responsible Officers were rescheduled to commence in the third quarter of FY 2022/23. However no ATI Responsible Officer workshops were held during that quarter.</p>		One major workshop is contemplated for the January-March 2023 quarter.
	Conduct programme of public education on the ATI system and rights	April 2022 - March 2023	<p>On track.</p> <p>Communications Strategy completed. Initial mass media component of the public education and communications programme for financial</p>		Human resource challenges: Recruitment underway to fill vacant posts for Senior Director, Public Education and Communications Manager and


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			<p>year 2022/2023 commenced with Radio Time Signals and selective ATI print ad placements during the period. Components of the Communications Strategy implemented during the period included ongoing Radio Time Signals and Radio Ads during the 2022 World Cup. The ATI Unit had its first large-scale face-to-face public education since the COVID-19 pandemic during National Customer Service Week at the Office of the Cabinet Mobile Services Fair in May Pen, Clarendon, on October 7, 2022.</p>		Public Relations Officer within the ATI Unit.
	Strengthen reporting mechanisms for annual reports, and reporting for the SDGs and Lima Commitment	July 2022 - March 2023	<p>On track.</p> <p>The review of current reporting mechanisms completed. Review of reporting mechanisms in Commonwealth jurisdictions, the EU and the United States 85% completed. The information requested by UNESCO for reporting on Public Access to Information (SDG Indicator 16.10.2) has also been reviewed. The review of current reporting mechanisms completed. Review of reporting mechanisms in Commonwealth jurisdictions, the EU and the United States is 95% completed. Work on proposal to improve and</p>		



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			strengthen reporting mechanisms for annual reports commenced.		
	Develop proposal for the application of technology for online platform for making and tracking ATI requests	April 2022 - March 2023	<p>On track.</p> <p>An application for support for this activity under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) was submitted through the PIOJ and was approved. The ATI Unit commenced a review of examples of ‘bespoke’ systems built in other jurisdictions. A review of existing online platforms used by the GOJ and related software upgrades was undertaken. The Consultant support under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) was secured. A three-week in-country visit to Jamaica by the Consultant was undertaken over the period from September 12-30, 2022, to advance the development of improved guidelines for public bodies and ATI officers and the application of technology for the online platform for making and tracking ATI requests. The ATI Unit reviewed the initial recommendations of the Consultant, and upgrades and improvements to the ATI Unit website are being explored as the</p>	●	Human resource challenges: Technical support was approved under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) but there will be a need for further support to finalize technical requirements.




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			<p>first phase of improvements ahead of the development of an online platform based on the recommendations of the Consultant.</p> <p>A second three-week in-country visit to Jamaica by the Consultant is being considered to support the completion of the development of the technical requirements.</p>		
<p><u>Commitment:</u></p> <p>4. Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights</p> <p><u>Lead Agency:</u></p> <p>Ministry of Justice (MOJ)</p>	<p>Establish Jamaica Legal Information Portal (JLIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of an efficient and comprehensive digitization mechanism • Pilot of JLIP portal 	<p>April 2022 - September 2022</p> <p>April 2022 - March 2023</p>	<p>Procurement ongoing. Draft TOR completed to facilitate engagement of Consultant to develop JLIP portal. Terms of Reference for consultant have been approved. The technical specifications for equipment procurement have been completed. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lead Developer/IT Consultant for the JLIP has been finalized. Scanning of documents is also underway, including past issues of the Jamaica Gazette and the Laws of Jamaica, for future uploading when the JLIP is operational. The JLIP Portal project is at the point of procurement of equipment and selection of service providers. The bid process was initiated in October 2022 with the issue of the RFP. Bids have been received and are to be evaluated.</p>		<p>Activity funded through the Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth (FCGP) project using World Bank (WB) procurement rules, which can be lengthy. Responsibility for implementation of the JLIP portal now falls under the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs.</p>




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Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Conduct stakeholder consultations on preparation of Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme	June 2022 - July 2022	The MOJ has commenced stakeholder consultations in May 2022 which will contribute towards the preparation of the Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme. Further stakeholder consultations on Human Rights were planned for July 2022. Media and public education activities continued through December 2022. These activities centred on available justice services including social and alternative justice services, some of which are available free to the public. These include services available through legal aid in furtherance of the right to counsel, as well as services available through the child diversion program to strengthen protection of the rights of the child.		
	Complete preparation of Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme	July 2022 - August 2022	Concept Note towards the expansion of stakeholder consultations and public engagement shared with MOFPS. Request for budget support included in PS Budget Note for FY2023/24.		Preparation of public education programme postponed to July 2022 due to resource challenges.


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	Implement Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme	October 2022 - September 2023	Planning ongoing towards implementation of public education activity with CSOs for the first quarter of 2024.		Implementation of public education programme postponed to the period October 2022-September 2023 due to resource challenges.
	Expand programme for Democracy in Schools and Integrity in Schools clubs	April 2022 - June 2023			At this point neither the Ministry of Justice or the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs are able to report on this activity as the activity is primarily driven by CSOs.
<u>Commitment:</u> 5. Complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations	Conduct stakeholder and public consultations for preparation of drafting instructions for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations	January 2022 - March 2022	Consultations were not held as scheduled. The updated preliminary drafting instructions for the EIA regulations were received by MEGJC from NEPA in late March 2022. An internal review of the preliminary drafting instructions was conducted in April 2022, and MEGJC sent comments on the updated preliminary drafting instructions to NEPA on May 2, 2022.		

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<u>Lead Agency:</u> Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)	Prepare draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations	April 2022 - December 2022			
	Conduct stakeholder consultations on draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations	January 2023 - February 2023			
	Complete and promulgate Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations	March 2023 - June 2023			

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<u>Commitment:</u> 6. Update and Implement the Climate Change Policy Framework <u>Lead Agency:</u> Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)	Complete stakeholder and public consultations on the Green Paper for the updating of the Climate Change Policy Framework	November 2021 - February 2022	<p>The schedule of stakeholder and public consultations on the updated Climate Change Policy Framework (Green Paper) undertaken is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Public sector agencies – November 25, 2021; b) Civil society groups, including youth representatives – February 9, 2022; c) Private sector – February 15, 2022; and d) General public (town hall) – February 22, 2022. <p>The abovementioned consultations were held online. The consultation reports were also to be posted on MEGJC's website as well as that of NEPA to facilitate access by the public. Amendments are being made to the updated Climate Change Policy Framework (Green Paper) based on the feedback received in the stakeholder and public consultations.</p>		The draft policy document (Green Paper) circulated prior to the townhall meeting to all parish libraries, municipal corporations, as well as posted on the websites of MEGJC, NEPA and the Forestry Department. Additionally, notifications were sent to civil society organizations, including youth groups and community-based organizations.
	Prepare White Paper for the updating of the Climate Change Policy Framework and submit to Cabinet	March 2022 - June 2022	The preparation of the White Paper for the updating of the Climate Change Policy Framework has been delayed beyond June 2022.		Due to staffing constraints in the Environment and Risk Management Branch, MEGJC, there have been delays in executing the activities based on the previously agreed timelines.

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	Appoint Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) focal point	June 2022 - November 2022	Delayed.		
	Complete stakeholder and public consultations on the preparation of draft climate change legislation	July 2022 - September 2022			
	Prepare Cabinet submission on preparation of draft climate change legislation and submit to Cabinet	October 2022 - December 2022			
	Prepare drafting instructions for preparation of draft climate change legislation	January 2023 - July 2023			

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<p><u>Commitment:</u></p> <p>7. Strengthen Youth Participation and Access to Services</p> <p><u>Lead Agency:</u></p> <p>Ministry of Education and Youth (MOEY)</p>	Complete Implementation Plan and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the National Youth Policy	December 2021 - December 2022	The review process of the Implementation Plan has been initiated and is ongoing. A Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager for the Youth and Adolescents Policy Division of MOEY has been recruited as of the start of September 2022, and a draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the National Youth Policy is expected by the end of FY 2022/23. Discussions have commenced with the Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager to review the Draft Implementation Plan toward finalization.		There have been delays in designing the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework due to staffing constraints.
	Establish the Intersectoral Technical Working Group with membership of youth representatives to provide oversight and operational coordination for the implementation and monitoring of the National Youth Policy	July 2022 - September 2022	Drafting of a concept note to outline a proposal for the establishment and the needed activities of the group to begin shortly. Draft of the Terms of Reference to outline the establishment and required activities of the Technical Working Group has been completed, and letters of invitation to representatives to serve on the group have been drafted.		The Youth and Adolescents Policy Division (YAPD) seeks technical support to coordinate the formation of the Technical Working Committee. Consequently, the YAPD is in the process of reengaging the PIOJ to offer support toward this end.
	Complete comprehensive survey of youth programmes and services across the public sector, private sector and civil	January 2022 - June 2022	Survey has been drafted, reviewed and is ready for dissemination to key stakeholders. A supplier has been confirmed and the hosting of the inventory is being finalised. The survey of youth		

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	society and prepare Gap Analysis and Recommendations Report for the National Youth Programmatic Inventory		programmes and services across the public sector, private sector and civil society for the National Youth Programmatic Inventory was launched in September 2022, with a projected completion date of September 30, 2022. The first round of data collection from youth-serving organizations has been completed. The introduction and background to the report are being drafted.		
	Upgrade the website of the Youth and Adolescents Policy Division	April 2022 - September 2022	Prototype and layout has been developed to guide the relaunching of the website. Consultations have been done with the JIS and specifications shared. Technical support through consultation has been given to the process from the ICT team. Terms of Reference has been developed and shared with the IT Unit. Additionally the TOR has been shared with the Senior Programme Development Specialist for further review and recommendation to be channelled to the Jamaica Information Service (JIS). The contract with JIS to upgrade the website is underway, and a site map for the website is being developed. The prototype and layout have been developed and the process for		

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			the migration of data is underway. It is anticipated that the website should be at a 50% completion by March 2023.		
	Establish National Youth Programmatic Inventory online directory based on results of survey and Gap Analysis and Recommendations Report, with mechanisms for ongoing updating and maintenance	May 2022 - December 2022	To be established following the completion of the Gap Analysis and Recommendations Report.	