



OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) PRESENTATION

Progress Report on Jamaica's Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026

June 2024 - June 2025

Justice and Human Rights

December 9, 2025

Ministry of Finance and the
Public Service

JAMAICA AND OGP PROCESS - BACKGROUND

- In December 2016, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) submitted to the OGP a Letter of Intent (LOI) signed by Prime Minister Andrew Holness committing to joining the OGP
- Two (2) Cabinet Decisions in June 2018 and February 2020 approved the preparation of Jamaica's National Action Plan (NAP) and establishment of a Multistakeholder Forum (MSF) in keeping with the OGP's Participation and Co-creation Standards
- Jamaica's first OGP National Action Plan (NAP) was completed and submitted in December 2021, and revised OGP NAP submitted in June 2022
- Jamaica's first OGP NAP included seven (7) commitments, in the areas of Anti-Corruption, Open Data, Access to Information, Justice and Human Rights, Environment, Climate Change and Youth

JAMAICA AND OGP PROCESS – PROGRESS REPORTS FOR FIRST OGP NAP 2022-2023

- First Progress Report on Status of Implementation of OGP NAP Commitments updated by implementing entities for the period January-December 2022 and presented to stakeholders in April 2023
- Second Progress Report on Status of Implementation of OGP NAP Commitments updated by implementing entities for the period January 2022-August 2023 and presented to stakeholders in December 2023
- The Second Progress Report on the OGP NAP 2022-2023 indicated that a majority of activities were delayed under the first action planning cycle based on the progress reporting, with a common theme of constraints in human resources and funding impacting their timely implementation

JAMAICA – SECOND OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

2024-2026

- Cabinet approved the development of a second OGP National Action Plan for Jamaica, by way of a cabinet decision taken in November 2023
- The submission to Cabinet recommended that the second OGP NAP for Jamaica should be largely based on the commitments and milestone activities which remain uncompleted following the conclusion of Jamaica's first OGP NAP in August 2023, and this is the approach which was taken for the development and completion of Jamaica's second NAP
- Jamaica's second OGP NAP 2024-2026 therefore continues to include seven (7) commitments, in the areas of Anti-Corruption, Open Data, Access to Information, Justice and Human Rights, Environment, Climate Change and Youth

JAMAICA – SECOND OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

Revised Timelines: June 2024 - June 2026

- The Second OGP NAP was intended to be submitted by end-February 2024, to cover an implementation period from January 2024-December 2025. However, Jamaica was not able to submit its Second OGP NAP to the OGP by the end of February 2024 as planned. This was primarily due to the scheduling of local government elections on Monday, February 26, 2024, and the subsequent cancellation of the Cabinet meeting which would normally have been held on that date, and for which the Cabinet approval of the Second OGP NAP had been targeted.
- As a consequence, and in line with the advice provided from the OGP, Jamaica would aim to submit its Second OGP NAP in advance of end-August 2024, which will cover an action plan cycle from June 2024-June 2026.
- The Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 was completed in July 2024, following further meetings with stakeholder consultation groups, and submitted to Cabinet in July 2024. The Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 was resubmitted to Cabinet in September 2024 with additional information including letters of support from all implementing entities.
- The second Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan (NAP) 2024-2026 for Jamaica was approved by Cabinet by way of a cabinet decision taken in October 2024 and was formally submitted to the OGP in December 2024.

JAMAICA – SECOND OGP NAP 2024-2026

New Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF)

- Cabinet approved the Submission on the MSF Membership for the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 for Jamaica, by way of decision in June 2025. Under this decision, the OGP MSF for GOJ's Second OGP NAP has an increased membership of fourteen (14), comprising seven (7) government and seven (7) civil society members.
- The government membership of the new MSF includes the MOFPS, which continues to be the lead Ministry for the OGP, along with representatives from five (5) key Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), including the main ministries responsible for implementing the GOJ's commitments in the Second OGP NAP.
- The seven (7) Civil Society members were selected through a process of nomination and selection designed and conducted by civil society stakeholders. A Selection Committee was established by the civil society members of the MSF in July 2024, and nominations were invited from civil society from persons offering to serve on the MSF for the period of the second OGP NAP. The Selection Committee reviewed the applications received and selected the seven (7) recommended civil society nominees based on a number of criteria including expertise, independence, commitment and reputation.
- The new MSF will provide oversight and guidance to the process for the implementation, monitoring and reporting for Jamaica's Second OGP NAP 2024-2026.

SECOND OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2024-2026 - SUMMARY







Commitment	Lead Implementing Ministry/Agency (1)	Number of Milestone Activities
1. Complete the National Anti-Corruption Strategy	Integrity Commission	4
2. Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System in Jamaica	Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)	7
3. Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica	Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information (MESYI)	10
4. Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MJCA)	4
5. Complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations	Ministry of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development (MEGID) National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)	3
6. Carry out Development of Climate Change Legislation and Related Activities	Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change (MWECC)	9
7. Strengthen Youth Participation and Access to Services	Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information (MESYI)	5

(1) Based on Cabinet reassignments in new Government following general election in September 2025 and publication of Assignment of Subjects and Departments by Cabinet Office in November 2025

JAMAICA AND OGP PROCESS – PROGRESS REPORT FOR SECOND OGP NAP 2024-2026


- At its second meeting held on August 19, 2025, the OGP MSF agreed to commence the preparations for the first Progress Report on implementation of the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026.
- At its third meeting held on November 27, 2025, the MSF approved the first Progress Report on implementation of the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026, based on the updates received from implementing entities, and agreed to prepare for meetings with the OGP Stakeholder Consultation Groups to present and discuss the first Progress Report on the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 for Jamaica, covering the period June 2024-June 2025.
- The first Progress Report on the Second OGP NAP indicated that progress is underway on all seven (7) commitments during the June 2024 – June 2025 review period. However, a majority of activities were delayed under the second action planning cycle based on the progress reporting, with a common theme of constraints in human resources and funding impacting their timely implementation.

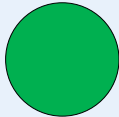
Summary of Milestone Activity Implementation Status: June 2024 – June 2025

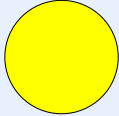
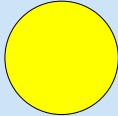
Implementation Status	Status Indicator	Number of Activities	%
Activity is complete		7	17%
Activity is on track		10	24%
Activity is delayed		25	60%
Activity is at risk		0	0%
No update on activity provided		0	0%
Activity is cancelled		0	0%
Activity has not yet started but is not delayed	[Blank]	0	0%
TOTAL		42	100%
Note: Discrepancies in table may be due to rounding errors			

OGP COMMITMENT FOR JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Commitment # 4: Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights
- Lead Implementing Agency: Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MJCA)
- Four (4) Milestone Activities with Verifiable Deliverables

Milestone Activities	Timeframe	Summary of Status and Progress		Main Issues, Challenges and Comments
		June 2024 – June 2025	Dashboard of Progress	
Establish Jamaica Legal Information Portal (JLIP)	June 2024 – June 2025	<p>User and security tests undertaken and the relevant adjustments targeted for resolution in time for the July 2025 launch.</p> <p>Technical and User Manuals and user videos completed on February 20, 2025. Training Workshop held and report completed on February 20, 2025.</p> <p>The JLIP was successfully launched on July 30, 2025.</p>		<p>The resolution of issues arising from the user and security tests resulted in significant delays particularly with the developer and other technical support stakeholders.</p>

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Conduct stakeholder consultations on preparation of Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme	November 2024 - January 2025	January 2025 – Initial consultation/informal discussions held with Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ) and agreement reached on galvanising the Public Education Programme around a Human Rights Colouring Book. The concept for the colouring and activity book was developed collaboratively with plans to roll out related educational programmes in primary schools on completion.		August 2025 – MLCA and JFJ collaborated on the plans for the poster competition aimed at selecting the cover design for the colouring and activity book. A meeting was held to discuss the launch of the poster competition, shortlisting, submission deadline, and book launch.

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Complete preparation of Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme	February 2025 - April 2025	April 2025 – Approval was requested from Permanent Secretary Robertson, Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, to proceed with a meeting with JFJ to finalize the concept for the educational programme.		With the merging of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, planned activities previously approved will need to be discussed within the new Ministry and are subject to review and approval.
Implement Human Rights and Justice Public Education Programme	May 2025 - December 2025	No action in the period.		See above.

THANK YOU!

Q & A / Discussion

