



Strengthening human resilience in Northern Clarendon and West Kingston

Project Overview

This joint United Nations Human Security Programme is aimed at enhancing resilience and human security of selected communities in rural and urban Jamaica. It will advance the 2030 Agenda by addressing the economic, environmental, personal and health insecurities facing targeted communities. These insecurities are expressed in the form of poverty, unemployment, land degradation, poor health and reduced social cohesion.

Donor/Funding Agency

UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Project Duration: October 2017- December 2021

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Budget (USD): \$ 6,450,000

Grant funding (USD): \$2,000,000

Pooled Funding (USD): \$4,450,000

UNEP Operating Fund (USD):
\$ 228,231

Project Partners

Implementing Agencies:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Contributing Partners:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Cartagena Convention Secretariat
- UN Women
- Government of Jamaica

Project Location/Communities of Focus:

The project is being implemented in rural farming communities of Mocho and Crooked River in Northern Clarendon where human insecurities are widespread and agriculture is the main livelihood for men and women. The West Kingston area comprises of five urban inner-city communities: Denham Town, Hannah Town, Fletcher's Land, Central Downtown and Tivoli Gardens, with an estimated population of 20,057 persons with predominantly female-headed households.

Project Goals & Objectives

The programme seeks to contribute to the enhanced resilience of communities in Northern Clarendon and West Kingston. Specifically, the programme will:

- 1. Strengthen local and community governance bodies with youth participation to design and oversee interventions;
- 2. Enhance economic, food and nutritional security by creating a climate-resilient agricultural sector and diversified local economy;
- 3. Improve environmental, health and water security to safeguard communities against preventable illnesses, such as waterborne and sanitation-related diseases, and ensure the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources;
- 4. Strengthen the institutional capacities of the government and community stakeholders to mainstream the human security approach in Jamaica’s development strategies.

Expected Outcomes

There are four main results to be achieved:

-  Strengthened local and community governance capacities to organize and oversee their development.
-  Enhanced economic and food security through climate change adaption and income generation initiatives, bolstered by a Social Enterprise approach.
-  Improved health and water security through a gendered approach to access safe and manage safe water.
-  Improved institutional capacity for the human security approach in both the government and UN system.

Vision 2030 Jamaica:

Goal 4, that Jamaica has a healthy natural environment.



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Convention/Protocol Articles supported by the project:

Cartagena Convention:
Article 7

LBS Protocol: Annex III

Sustainable Development Goals aligned with the project:



UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat project webpage:

<https://www.unenvironment.org/cep/news/blogpost/delivering-one-northern-clarendon-and-west-kingston>



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