UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE – SAINT LUCIA
Introduction

Impact of CoVID – 19

Social Protection Response Measures

Way Forward – Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan

Conclusion
Saint Lucia has a population of approximately 180,000 persons, 25% of whom is considered to be monetary poor according to the Survey of Living Conditions (SLC), 2016.

The island is highly vulnerable to the impacts of multiple hazards (not only natural hazards).

One such hazard - the CoVID 19 pandemic has had significant negative impact on all sectors of the society (social, economic, health etc).
Impact of COVID -19

**JOB LOSSES/UNEMPLOYMENT**

- Large income and job losses occurred. More than 33,000 persons in the hotel and tourism sectors were negatively impacted.

- More than 70% HH reported income decline since COVID-19 outbreak.

- The biggest job losses occurred in the wholesale, retail, restaurants, and hotel sector.

Data Source: Saint Lucia COVID-19 High Frequency Phone Survey sponsored by the World Bank Group
Impact of COVID -19

FOOD INSECURITY

- Households became more food insecure post-COVID, with poor households twice as likely to run out of food compared to non-poor households.

- Many households, particularly poor, suffered severe food insecurity.

- Nearly 30% of households ran out of food once or more during the 30 days prior to the survey.

- Situation more serious for poor households, with nearly 50% experiencing a time when they ran out of food.
Assuming an income shock of 25% and 35% poverty in Saint Lucia is likely to jump to 41.3 and 50.6% respectively…

Poverty Head Count Simulations assuming 25% and 35% income shock to households compared to baseline - 2016
SOCIAL PROTECTION RESPONSES
Income Support Programme (ISP) for almost 5000 non contributors who were unemployed due to the impact of COVID 19

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REJECTED – applicants include farmers, cruise ship workers who did not qualify, individuals receiving an income and have NIC payments being made on their behalf and individuals already in receipt of ERP or receiving pension benefits from NIC

SUSPENDED- application missing information to complete processing

Total Expenditure $7,216,500 XCD

$1,500 per beneficiary
Vertical Expansion of the Foster Care, Child Disability Grant and Persons Living with HIV Programmes by additional \$100.00

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<tr>
<th>SP Programme</th>
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<td>Children in Foster Care</td>
<td>183</td>
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<td>Persons Living with HIV</td>
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Horizontal Expansion of the Public Assistance Programme (PAP) to accommodate an additional 1000 households

- **World Food Programme (WFP)**: USD $229,610.74
- **India-UN Development Partnership Fund**: USD $500,000

**Public Assistance Programme (PAP)**

- **Phase 1**: Start Date - November 2020
- **End Date** - April 2021

**Government of Saint Lucia**

Households:
- 2600 Households
- Increase of 1000 Households
- 3600 Households

**Timeline**
- December
- January
- February
- March
LUCELEC & GoSL will provide **Electricity Assistance** to over **5000** poor and vulnerable households for a period of **3-6 months**.

**Estimated expenditure:**
**XCD $4.5 million**

**6000 households**

MOU Signed
October 14, 2020

End Date
March 2021
GoSL provided $3 million to a Special Educational Assistance programme through SSDF targeted at the students from unemployed families due COVID 19.

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<th>Educational Level</th>
<th>Amount per Child (XCD)</th>
<th>Number recipients per household</th>
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<td>Early Childhood Education</td>
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Psychological Support for individuals that need assistance
Despite ceasing operations due to the State of Emergency Shutdown, several hotels volunteered time and service in the COVID National Feeding Program.

Hotels Prepare, Organize and Distribute Meals For Some Households Severely Impacted by Economic Shutdown

- **19,131** Meals Distributed over two months
- **17** Constituencies Served, and **1** Homeless Shelter
- **16** Participating Hotels
- **125** Volunteering Chefs and Meal Distributors

From **20 April to 31 May**, 16 Hotels volunteered culinary services to the COVID National Feeding Program.

To Stimulate the Agricultural Sector, Other Impacted Households Have Also Been Supplied with Food Packages

- **Over 1,500** Packages Distributed
- Approx. **1,500** Beneficiaries Households
- **17** Communities Served
Distribution of 500 Hygiene Packs/Kits to children in Foster Care and households under the Public Assistance Programme with children

500 Hygiene Packs/Kits

500 children
Recovery Strategies:

- Stimulating the Economy
- Fast Track Shovel Ready Projects
- Strengthen Social Protection Systems in Saint Lucia

Resilience Strategies:

- Resilience Building of the Productive Sector
- Strengthen Health Resilience
- Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Change Adaptation
THANK YOU