

Localization towards inclusion, equity and multi-dimensional justice

Vision 2030 Jamaica & the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)





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Localization of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs

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What is the Objective of Local Development?

- To promote sustainable and inclusive development that realizes multi-dimensional justice outcomes in alignment with the consensus around national goals and the approach to achieve the goals.
- **Simply put, when every Jamaican in the 3 counties, 14 parishes and the communities therein are sufficiently happy, healthy and wealthy!**



What is Localization of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs?

Within the Jamaican context, localization refers to the process of translating the integrated national development plan and the SDGs into local development planning, programming, managing for development results and communication/stakeholder engagement.



Owing to the prioritization of inclusion, equity and multi-dimensional justice towards “leaving no one behind”:

- The approach to localization has evolved during plan implementation, with the concept of localization increasingly being applied to the engagement of development processes and the range of actors that operate at or directly impact the local level - their development needs, interests, networks, influences; and risks to development.

What is Localization of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs?

Some key elements of Jamaica's localization programme have included:


Engaging local level stakeholders, including policy makers and planners for local development in the national development process towards promoting coherence and relevance between national and local levels

- Engaging local development actors in the development and implementation of each Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) – *the main mechanism for implementation of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs*
- Promoting the alignment of Local Sustainable Development Plans (LSDPs) with Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs
 - The Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat supported two MCs in developing their LSDPs in 2020 and 2021 by serving on the planning committees; and provides support to MCs generally, as requested

What is Localization of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs?

- Engaging a range of stakeholders in the National Oversight Committee (NOC) for the SDGs, Vision 2030 Jamaica Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) and associated groups, including proxies that support the implementation and monitoring of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs
 - These groupings include representatives from regional, local, private sector and non-governmental organizations, among others.
- Utilizing social media and partnerships to “spread the word” while giving a voice to stakeholders

Note: A thematic report on localization is being prepared as part of the VNR, including recommendations to strengthen local action and alignment with the SDGs and Vision 2030.



**Your Daily Dose Of
Vision 2030 Jamaica**

National Outcome # 8

"An Enabling Business Environment"



"Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business"



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"An Enabling Business Environment"

Our Vision:

Under Vision 2030 Jamaica we will make it easier to start and operate businesses.

We will provide conditions for employment that are fair to all.

We will ensure that our micro, small and medium-sized enterprises are provided with the support they need to flourish and grow.



Youth Voice

What is the Role of Jamaican Youth in Nation Building?
How Can I (the Youth) Make Jamaica Better?



**Jessica-Lee Smith (16 years),
High School Student,
Kingston and St. Andrew**

"Youths, the cornerstone of this unfinished Jamaica. I said that we are the change that we believe that the youth can lead to a developed nation. We have solutions to the problems of our society, but to put them into use. We must not accept the status quo but dissect them and find solutions by thinking outside the box. To this upgraded nation, we have the problem solving skills and protesting discipline. Every ticking second counts, therefore, we must be unknown, therefore, we must be unknown. We all work hard, but we are the architects that make a better Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families, and do business."

"Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business"

Youth Voices!!!

I "the Youth" Make Jamaica Better?

...tic, especially when we are winning recognition such as in sporting or when we hear the phrase "I'm proud to be a proud and proud Jamaicans we need to have a sustainable sense of pride for our country. We must address the many socio-economic issues, crime and corruption that plague our society."

Barack Obama said "Change will not come to us by any person or some other time; we must be the change that we are waiting for; we are the change that we are waiting for; we are the change that we are waiting for. We must serve as a call to action for our youth, to address the issues affecting them, mobilize for change, to work with government and civil society, to bring about transformative changes that will make Jamaica a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable in keeping with our Vision 2030 national development."

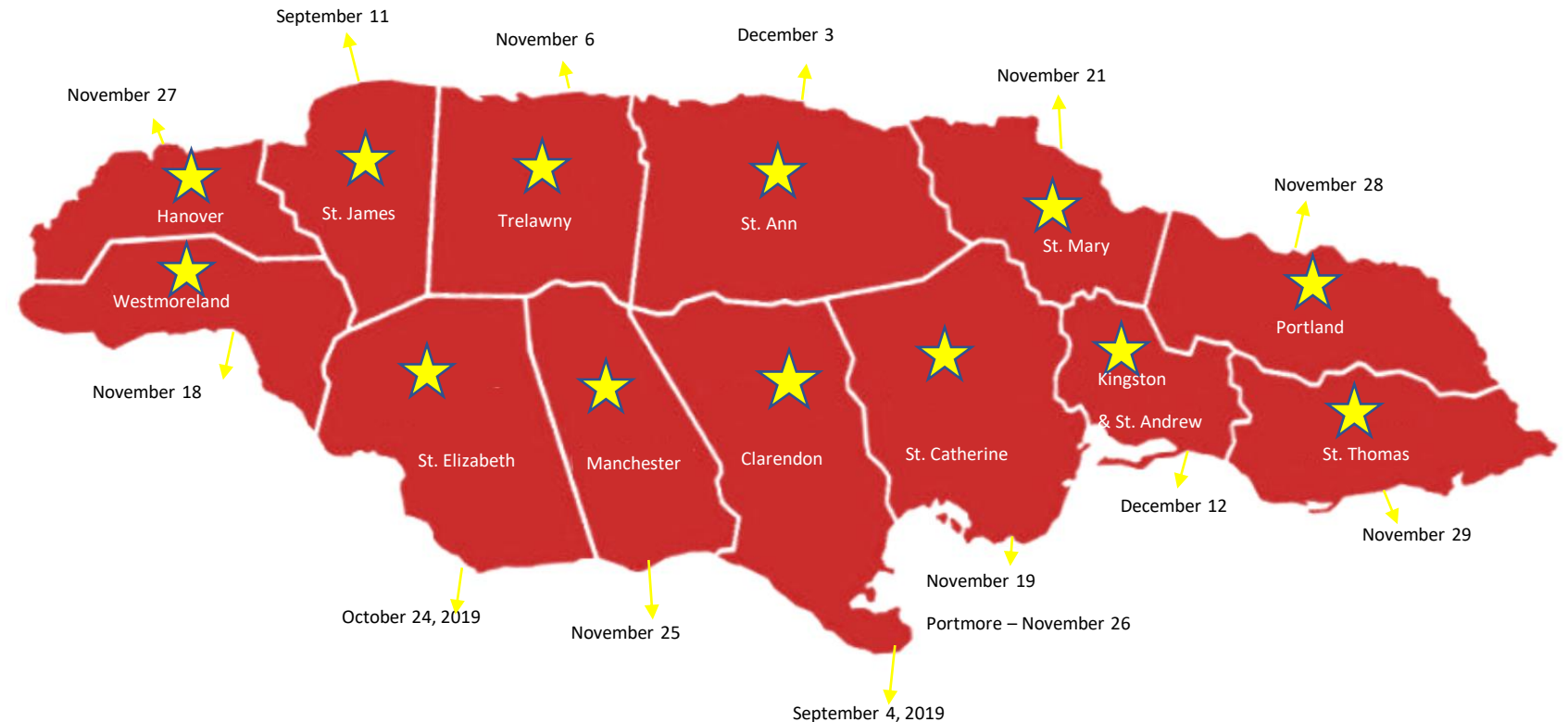
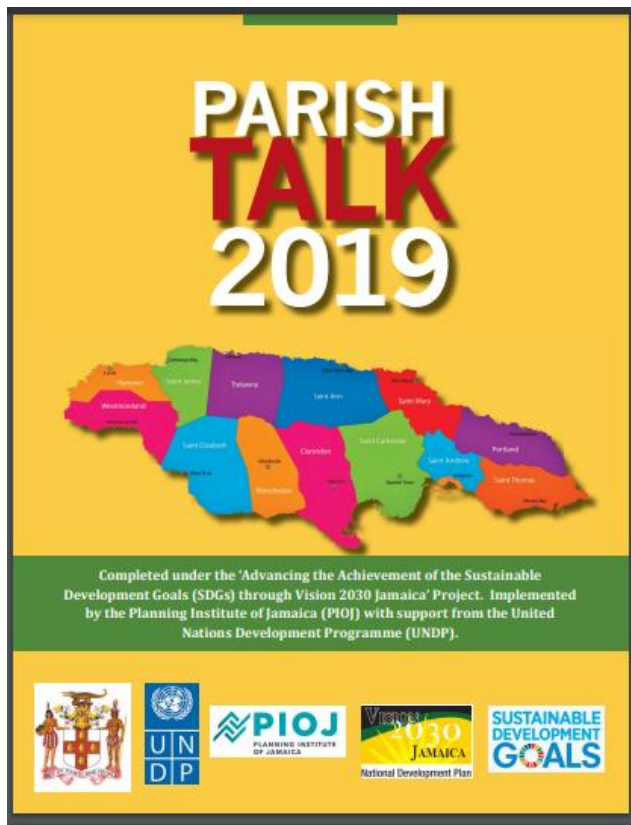


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Social Media Engagement

What is Localization of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs?

- All island engagements and sensitization on Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs, particularly under the “Parish Talk” Initiative



Parish Talk 2019



Parish Talk 2019 involved 1-day visits/events hosted in the 14 parishes and the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders, including:



Sensitization Sessions/ Capacity Building with Local Authorities/Municipal Corporations (LAs/MCs) and other partners in development



Engaging entities and the citizenry through booths, “walk throughs” and visits



‘Parish of Choice/Stakeholder Ownership’ videos:

Example, parish of Hanover:

<https://youtu.be/Xt26WZYU3hg>

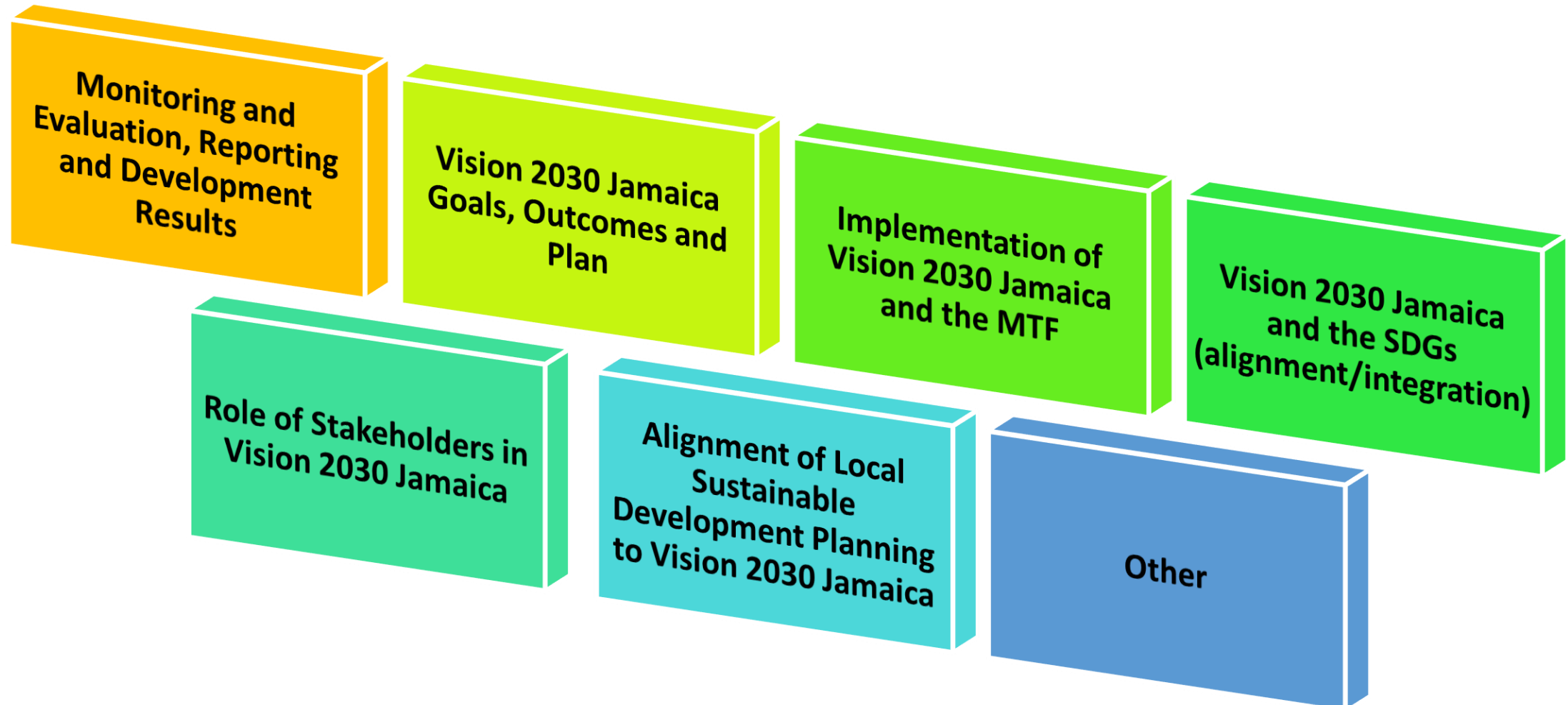


Parish Talk 2019

The findings from the post-consultation evaluation show that the participants demanded an intervention that comprised an engagement of Municipal Corporations and their partners.

The findings also show that the demand for engagement exceeded what was delivered in the Consultations/Sensitization Workshops and that the areas of unmet demand were shared across the MCs/parishes.

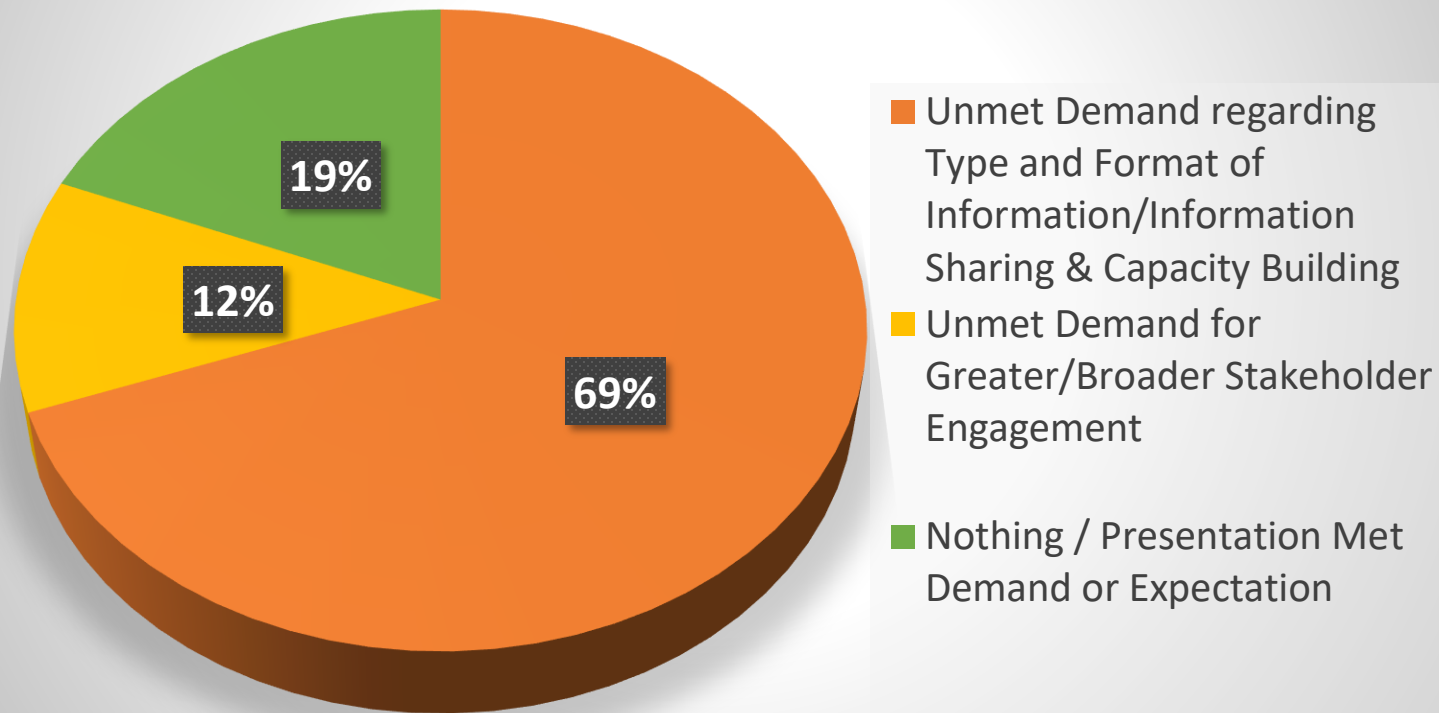
What new and/or useful knowledge/tools/ideas etc. were you exposed to, if any?



What could have been done differently, better and/or excluded?

Parish Talk 2019

Unmet Demand - Support for Alignment of Local Sustainable Development Planning with Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs



VNR 2022

The process to develop the VNR identified a gap in engagement and communication at the local level. among service providers and with community-based organizations and interest groups.

There is a demand for consistent engagement and communication around Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs

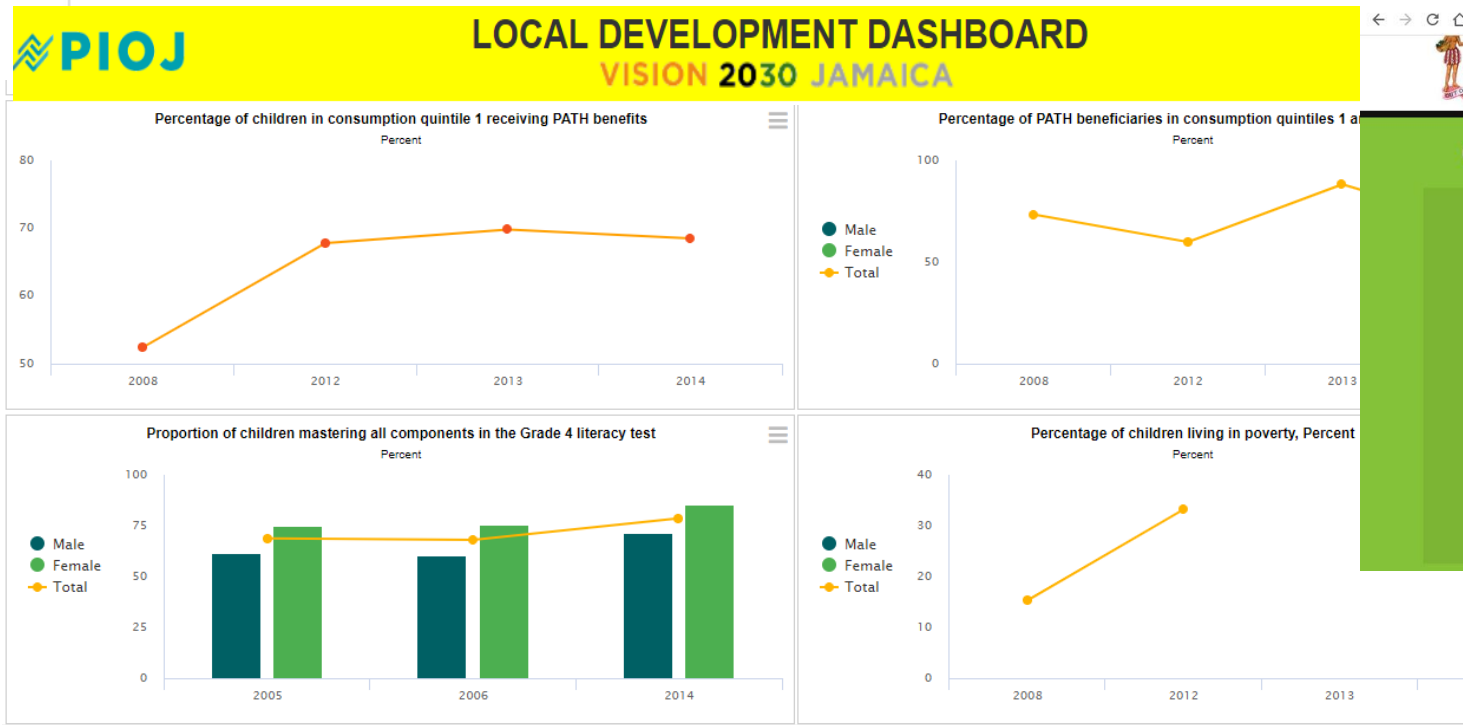
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Themes/Categories	Sub-Categories	Total	Percentage
Unmet Demand regarding Type and Format of Information/Information Sharing & Capacity Building	Provide more information on/build capacity for alignment of local and national level planning (give greater focus to specific areas of planning, implementation, and development performance/progress at national and local levels)	22	25.88%
	Structure/Organize Engagements differently (e.g., utilize workshops, longer sessions; and present simpler or more parish specific information)	21	24.71%
	Provide more documentation, incl. manuals, guides	16	18.82%
Unmet Demand for Greater/Broader Stakeholder Engagement		10	11.76%
Nothing / Presentation Met Demand or Expectation		16	18.82%
Grand Total		85	100%





What is Localization of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs?



- Development of a Local Development Dashboard which presents local (parish) disaggregation of national outcome indicators

Lessons Learned

- Stakeholders at the local level see the importance of the SDGs and national development planning when exposed to the information.
- Stakeholders require instruction and guidance in developing Local Sustainable Development Plans (LSDPs) and other regional, parish and community plans that are aligned with the principles, results and strategy frameworks, and overarching Theory of Change (ToC) for Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs.
- Investments in broad based sensitization and capacity building are demanded – this demand is a critical condition for reaping return on investments
- There is a broad consensus around the need for evidence-based policy making and planning at all levels
 - Innovative means are required to address gaps in disaggregating global/regional/national outcome indicators to the local level as part of promoting policy coherence
 - Capacity building of stakeholders is required
- The means of communicating with stakeholders must be geared towards their unique needs and demonstrate respect for differences in abilities – for example, ensuring that interpreters are in sessions for inclusion of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, narrating videos to cater to the visually impaired and blind, and catering to differences in education, age, and experiences etc.
- There is a need to establish mechanisms for “conversations” between national and local development processes as well as mechanisms for alignment. There must be consideration for agility and adaptation. Hence, alignment and coherence between cascading and horizontally arranged structures and institutions may be more viable than seeking to create “super” committees etc. for managing the various levels, dimensions and complexities of development.



Leaving No One Behind



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