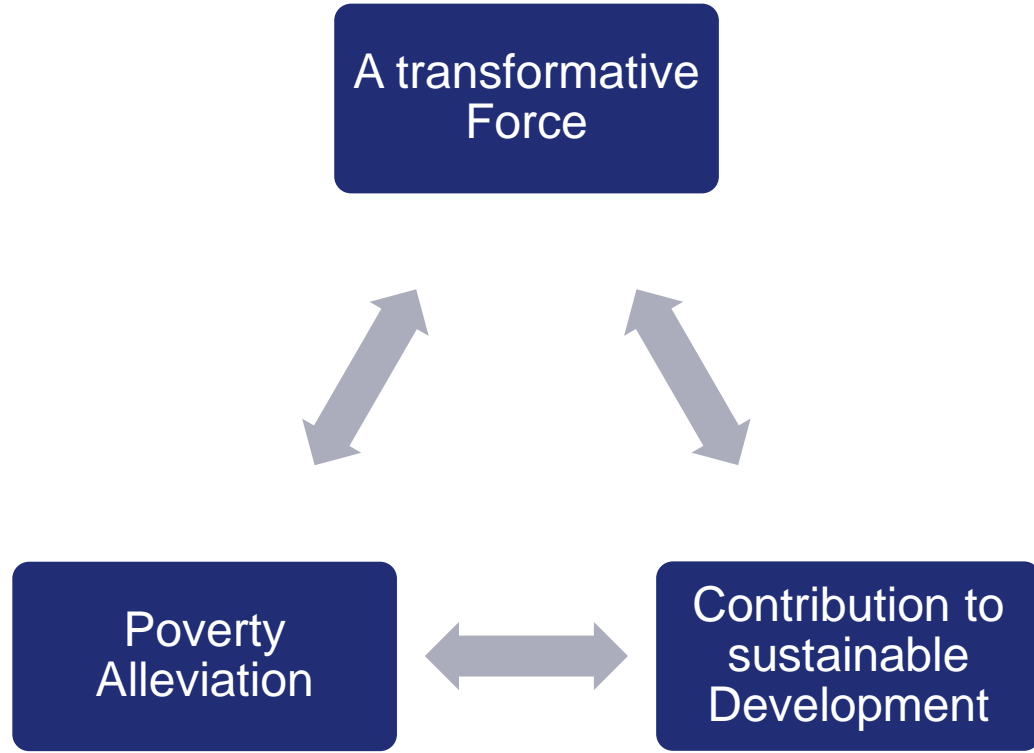


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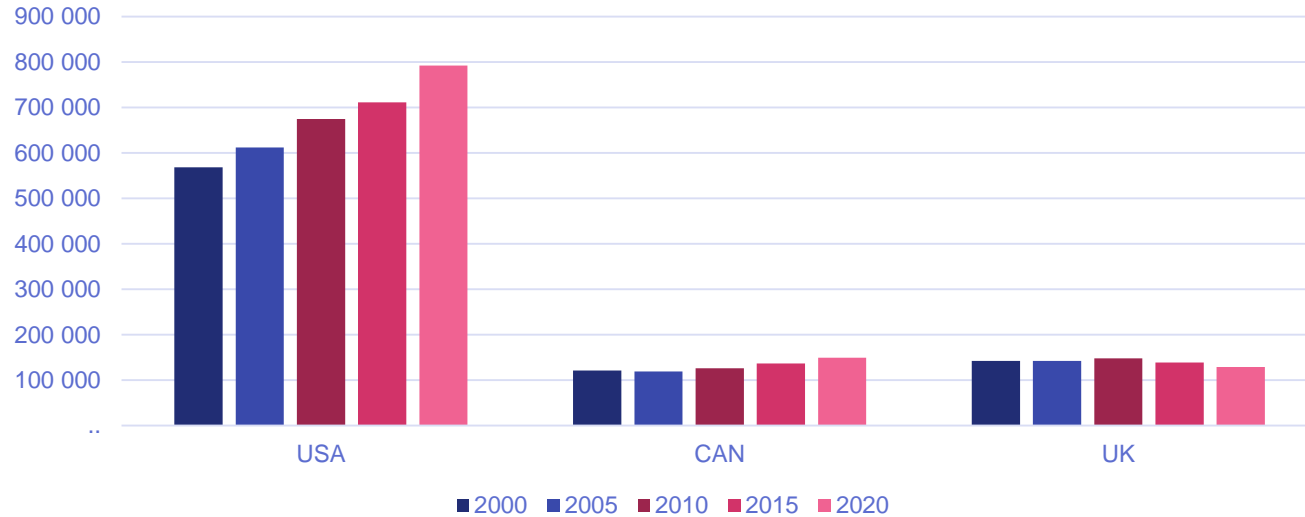
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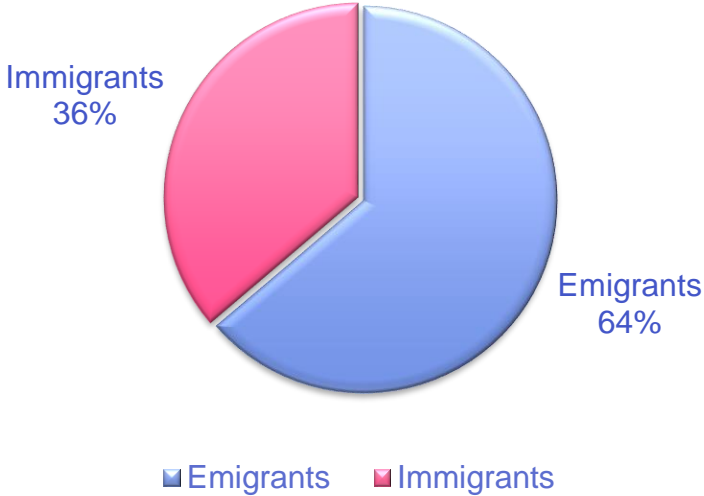
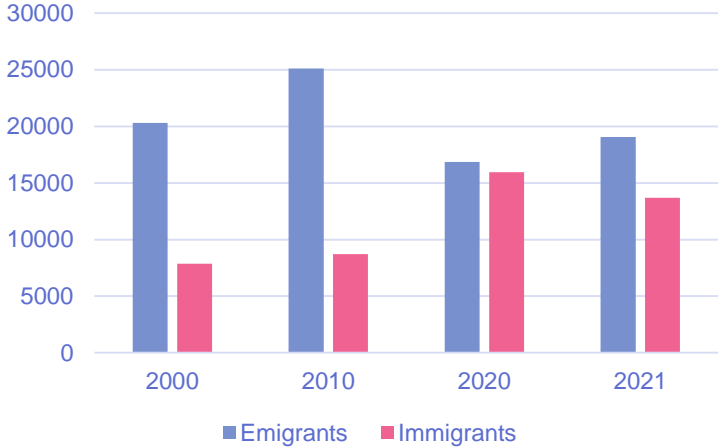


# History of Migration in Jamaica

Jamaica Migrant Population in Main Destination Countries



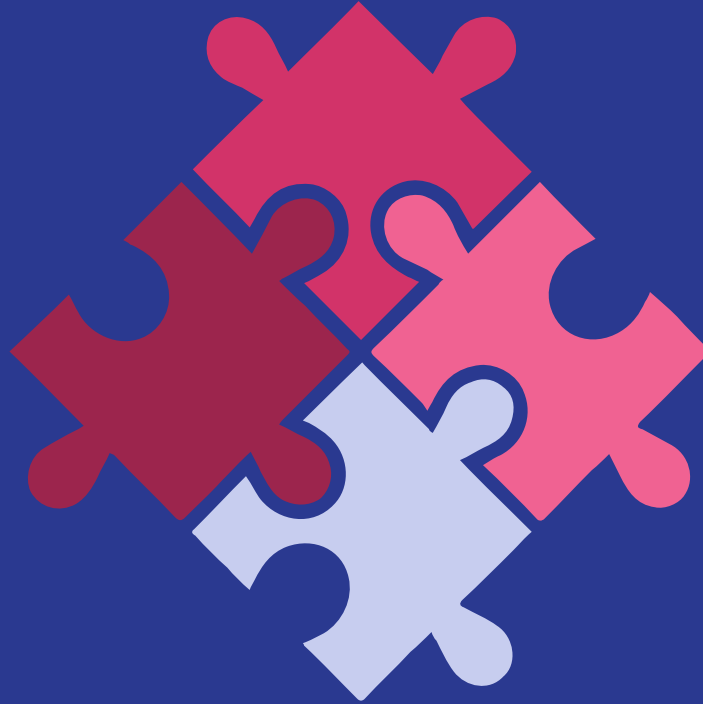
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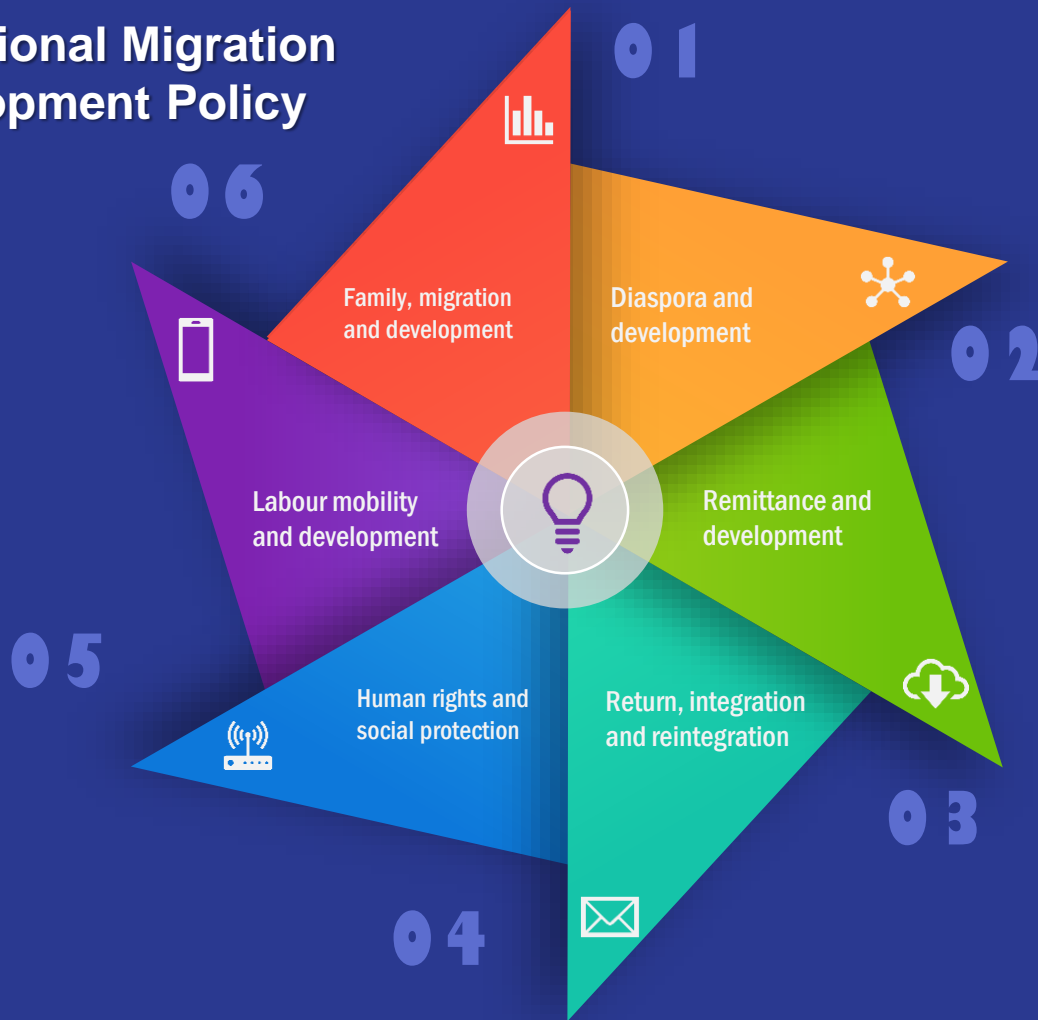
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National Policy  
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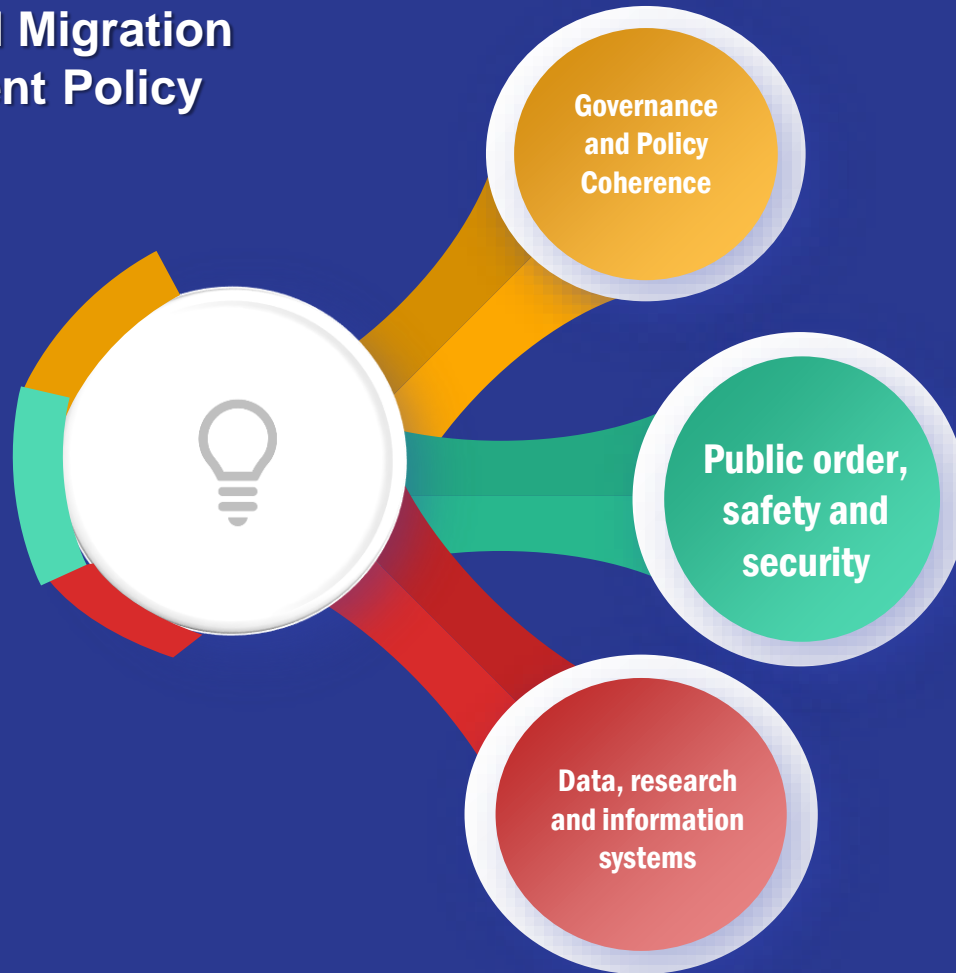
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# The International Migration and Development Policy



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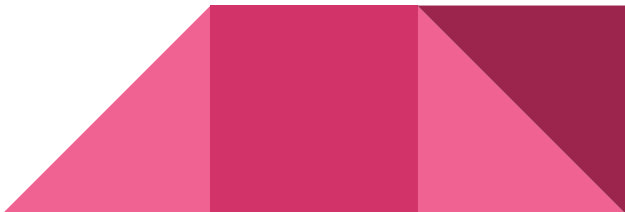
# Phase 1 (2010-2014) Project and Initiatives Implemented

- ❖ National Working Group on International Migration and Development (NWGIMD) (2011)
- ❖ The 2010 Jamaica developed its first Migration in Jamaica: A Country Profile.
- ❖ the development of the National IMD Policy Capacity Assessment and Capacity Development Strategy (2013)





# Phase Two: 2014-2018 Projects and Initiatives Implemented

- ❖ Trainer of Trainees (TOT) Consultancy:
  - ❖ ACP-EU Migration Action Project (2016)
  - ❖ Plan of Action in Support of Involuntary Returned Migrants – Jamaica
  - ❖ Development of National Migration Database System (NMDS):
  - ❖ National Consultation on Global Compact for Migration
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# Phase Three: 2018- Present

## Projects and Initiatives Implemented



Social Enterprise and Economic Livelihoods Project (SEELP)



Promoting Integrity in International Recruitment Consultancies



Migration Radio Series



# **National Diaspora and Development Policy**



**JAMAICA DIASPORA**

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Socioeconomic  
engagement and  
participation , Human  
exchanges, transfers  
and philanthropic  
initiatives, Integration  
and reintegration



Key  
Thematic  
Areas




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Economic inflows,  
investments and trade,  
Physical environment,  
safety and security ,  
Engagement of  
Diaspora Youth and  
Young Adults


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Tourism and Cultural  
exchanges, legislative  
and policy reform

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Data and Information ,  
governance

# National Diaspora and Development Policy

- ❖ Education
  - ❖ Healthcare
  - ❖ Charitable foundations
  - ❖ Social services
  - ❖ Business, investment and trade
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# Challenges

- ❖ Lack of Data
  - ❖ Capacity Challenges to collect, analyse and disseminate data (MDAs and NGOs)
  - ❖ Limited Data sharing
  - ❖ Bureaucratic challenges
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# New Project Initiatives

- ❖ Jamaica Diaspora Engagement Model for Development (JAM-DEM Project)
- ❖ Diaspora Registration Platform and Diaspora Portal
- ❖ Modernization of Jamaica Remittance Industry
- ❖ Implementation of the National Population and Sustainable Development Policy

