

Jamaica's COVID-19 Response and the National Development Agenda

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Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan

- Easily aligned with key national and international frameworks
- Takes into account the views of youth and children
- Enjoys bi-Partisan support and is underpinned by high levels of stakeholder involvement and engagement

Jamaica's first long-term National Development Plan

4 National Goals and 15 National Outcomes

Focus on Implementation and Accountability

Underpinned by a robust Results-Based Management System



Implementing Vision 2030 Jamaica: Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF)

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**Three –Year Package
of Priority
Outcomes,
Strategies, Actions
and Programmes**

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**Main Mechanism to
Implement Vision 2030
Jamaica & the SDGs,
allowing for a stage-
by-stage
operationalization of
the long-term Plan**

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**A distinguishing feature
of the MTF is its focus
on implementation,
accountability and
results. At the heart of
this focus is the
emphasis on
prioritization and
action**

Agenda 2030 and the National Emergency Response

The SDGs provide a common development language that allows for:

- Easy translation of national development priorities
- Identification of the alignment of these priorities with those of national, regional and international development partners, including the private sector. Examples at the national level include:
 - COVID-19 Response Platform as a coordination mechanism for engaging IDPs
 - An External Cooperation Management Information System (ECMIS) to facilitate electronic monitoring of IDP supported programmes in advancing Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs.

Agenda 2030 and the National Emergency Response

Strengthening the Means of Implementation was targeted for intervention/acceleration in response to COVID-19

- ❖ Develop relevant and timely public and development policy;
- ❖ Accelerate digitalization and on-going efforts to integrate technology in the coordination mechanisms for planning and monitoring;
- ❖ Extend social protection provisions while improving access to formal banking and financial services;
- ❖ Elevate social contracts, access to information and basic public and private goods and services within the context of health promotion, disease surveillance, and empowerment and enablement towards human capital development.

Target Review?

COVID-19 has highlighted vulnerabilities associated with inequities and has also demonstrated the challenges for adaptation at the individual, structural and systems levels.

The transitions and transformations in economic organization and value chains in response to the pandemic are expected to lead to permanent changes with implications for the relevance of current development strategies and targets

A person is holding a protest sign made of cardboard. The sign has three lines of text: '#LEAVE' in large, colorful, outlined letters (black, pink, green, orange, purple, green); 'No One' in large, colorful, outlined letters (orange, pink, purple); and 'Behind' in large, colorful, outlined letters (orange, yellow, orange). The person holding the sign is wearing a green shirt. The background is a blurred crowd of people at an outdoor event.

#LEAVE
No One
Behind



Target Review Approach

Intensify

Intensify strategic review of Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs which commenced pre COVID

Re-examine & determine

Re-examine and determine policy bundles to accelerate the achievement of development goals and outcomes

Incorporate

Incorporate results of Impact and Post Disaster Needs Assessments

Assess

Assess local capacity for adaptation and opportunities for capacity development

Re-define

Re-define Targets



Critical Areas for Prioritization

Health promotion and health care

Digitalization

Macro-economic stability

Innovative mechanisms to advance growth

Education and training

Social protection, including poverty reduction

Safety and security

Environmental protection and management

Strengthening Means of implementation

Strengthening Governance Arrangements