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

1. Three-Year Package of Priority Outcomes, Strategies, Actions and Programmes

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

3. 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.
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.
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