

Vision 2030 Jamaica - National Development Plan

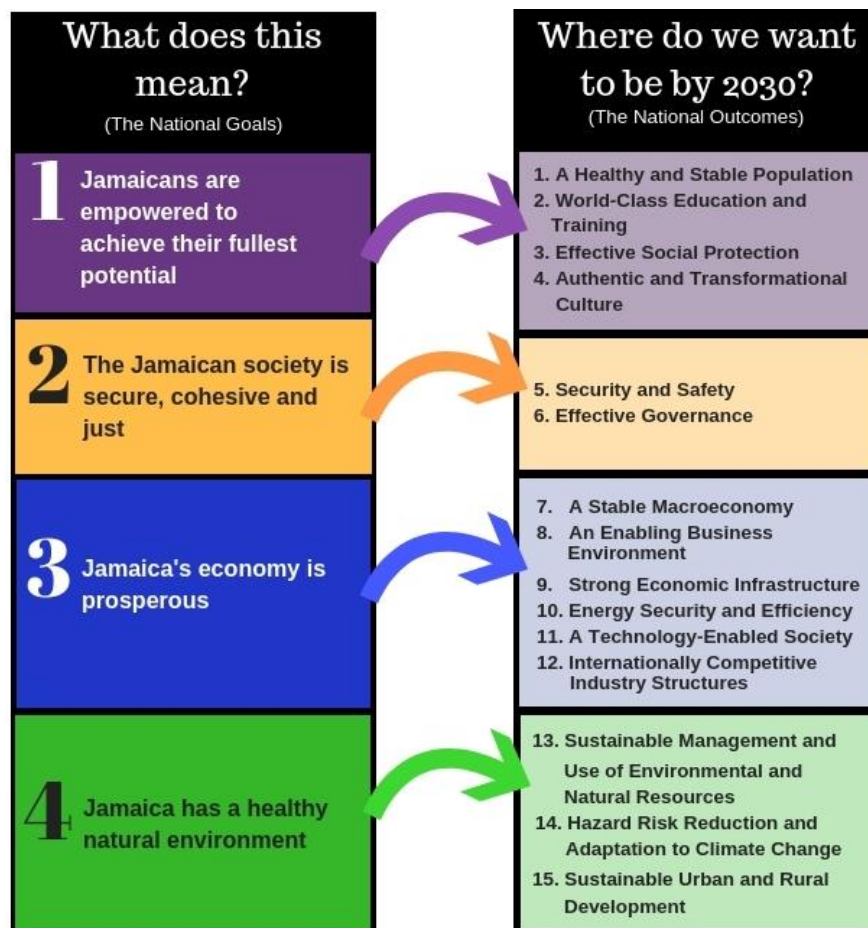
Year in Review 2018

Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan

is the country's first long-term strategic development plan designed to enable Jamaica to achieve developed country status by 2030; and provides a comprehensive planning framework in which the economic, social, environmental and governance dimensions of national development are integrated. The Plan, which was approved in Parliament in 2009, is based on the vision statement:

"Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business". This vision statement embodies a clear message that emerged from the inclusive plan development process and encapsulates the yearning of our people for a secure and prosperous future. This development is designed to be sustainable and inclusive, engaging all Jamaicans in

the plan design and implementation processes and providing equitable opportunities to all Jamaicans to participate in the process and benefit from the intended outcomes. Vision 2030 Jamaica is built on a results-based management framework, comprising 4 National Goals, 15 National Outcomes and a strategic and operational framework geared towards the achievement of the goals and outcomes.



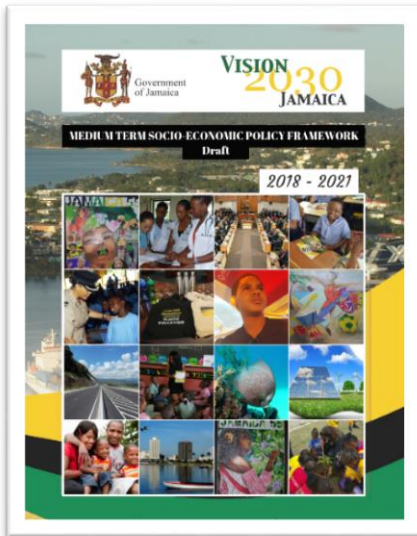
During 2018, the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat continued to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Plan and reported on the country's development results. Emphasis also was placed on communicating the Plan to a range of stakeholder groups, including the general public. The main highlights for the year include:

- Preparation and finalization of the Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) 2018 - 2021
- Continuance of the implementation of a robust monitoring and evaluation system which includes:
 - Preparation of Jamaica's Development Results 2009/10 – 2017/18
 - Thematic Working Groups (TWGs)
 - The Alignment of Vision 2030 Jamaica with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Sharing the Vision – The Vision 2030 Jamaica Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility Programme

Preparation and Finalization of the Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) 2018-2021

During the reporting period, much of the work of the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat focused on the preparation of the 4th Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF), which is the implementation framework of Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan and covers the period 2018 - 2021. The MTF is aligned to the overall vision, goals and national outcomes of Vision 2030 Jamaica and allows for a stage by stage operationalization of the long-term National Development Plan.



The preparation of MTF 2018 - 2021 utilized a participatory and inclusive approach which has been the hallmark of the Vision 2030 Jamaica process. A total of 50 workshops and meetings were held with over 800 stakeholders from the public and private sector, trade unions, civil society, academia, the international development community, youth and children, between January and June of the reporting year. During the preparation process of the MTF, a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) was also undertaken to provide a summary of our path to sustainable prosperity, based on our country's

main strengths and weaknesses, as well as the opportunities and threats we face. The team also conducted an assessment of the key achievements under the 15 National Outcomes for the period 2015 – 2018 which includes programmes, projects and initiatives.

The MTF 2018 - 2021 process recognizes and took into account other planning documents and frameworks such as: Cabinet Priorities, the Economic Growth Council's "Call to Action", Whole of Government Business Plan, the corporate and operational plans of government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs); Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the associated targets under each goal as well as the defined SDG accelerators contained in "Jamaica's Road Map for the Implementation of the SDGs", among others.

This MTF is based on the nation's development aspirations and guiding principles as articulated in the country's long-term development plan and is aligned to Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). MTF 2018 - 2021 will consolidate the gains made in the previous MTFs for 2009-2012, 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 and strengthen the foundations for achieving the country's long-term results, taking into account the many opportunities that surround us, the current developmental challenges we are confronted with and the global context.

The Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework 2018 - 2021, is organized into four sections as follows:

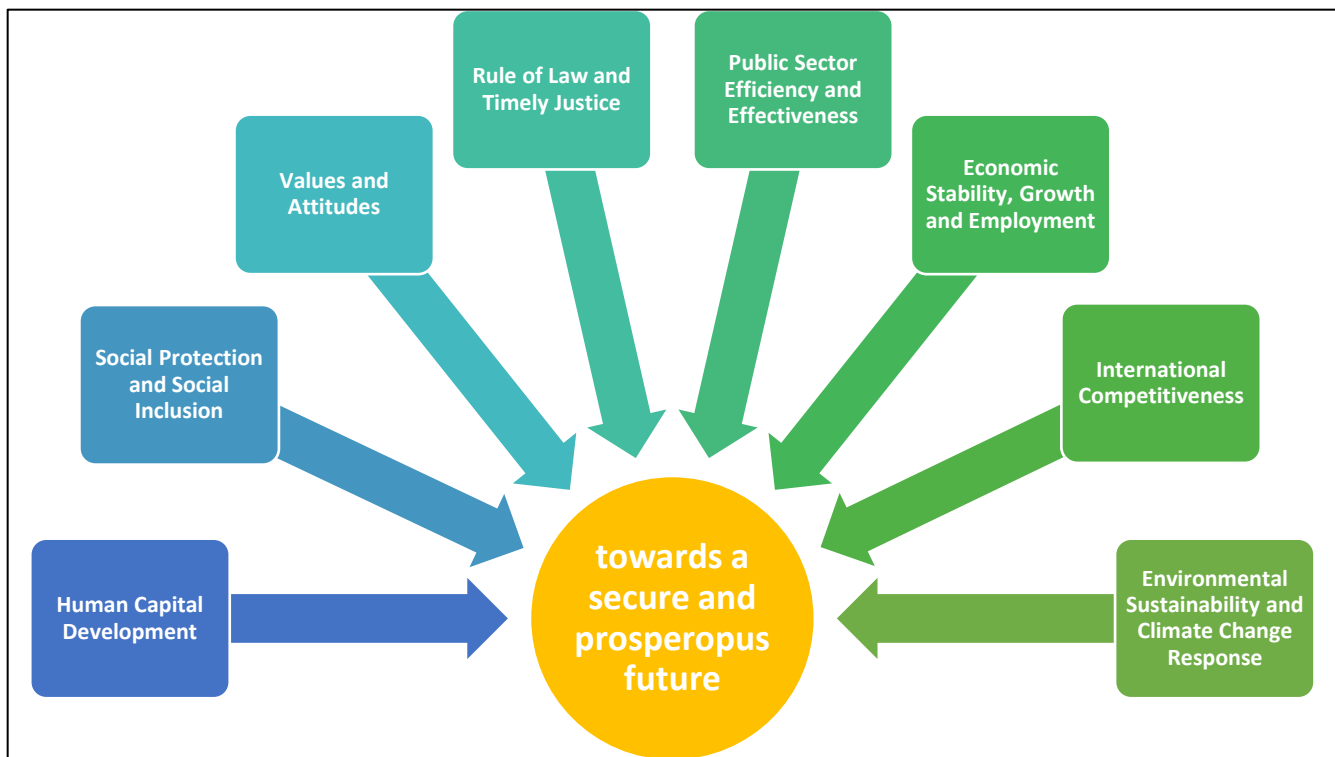
- **Section 1** covers the introduction, background and context and provides an introduction to the preparation of MTF 2018 - 2021; key requirements, role and responsibilities in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Vision 2030 Jamaica; the alignment of Vision 2030 Jamaica with the SDGs; and financing Vision 2030 Jamaica

- **Section 2** outlines the country context within which MTF 2018 - 2021 was developed, highlighting the key aspects of the current social, governance, economic and environmental situation, policy context, major challenges and opportunities facing Jamaica as well as key achievements under the previous MTF 2015 - 2018. It provides key information on the implementation progress of Vision 2030 Jamaica to date based on the 67 national outcome indicators and targets of the Plan's monitoring and evaluation framework.
- **Section 3** presents Jamaica's medium term priorities for the period 2018 - 2021. This section also presents the alignment of the medium term strategic priorities and the strategic areas of focus under the priority national outcomes under each of the country's four national goals; and provides a snapshot of the main transformational projects for the medium term under each national outcome.
- **Section 4** presents the medium-term priorities and actions under the 15 national outcomes and for each of the 9 industry structures under national outcome #12, including the agencies responsible for implementation and the key indicators and targets to be achieved over the medium term. Under this section, and specifically under the priority strategies and actions, is the alignment of each strategy or action's contribution to achieving SDG targets.



Similar to MTFs 2012 – 2015 and 2015 – 2018, MTF 2018 - 2021 identifies strategic national priorities to advance and improve Jamaica's development results, which are aligned to the four (4) National Goals of Vision 2030 Jamaica, and will assist in moving Jamaica forward towards: 'a secure and prosperous future for our people'. Jamaica's development results – based on analysis of performance against targets under the framework of national outcome indicators and targets, the SWOT Analysis as well as the implementation progress under MTF 2018 – 2021 served as the basis for determining the prioritized medium-term national outcomes under MTF 2018 – 2021. These priorities are presented in the image on page 4.

Jamaica's Medium-Term National Priorities 2018 - 2021



Monitoring and Evaluation of our Country's Progress – A Report on Jamaica's Development Results 2009/10 – 2017/18

The results based management framework that underpins Vision 2030 Jamaica, ensures that monitoring, evaluation and reporting on progress are integral to the overall development process. This RBM framework is a life-cycle approach to management that integrates strategy, people, resources, processes and measurements to improve decision-making, transparency, and accountability. This approach allows us to move beyond implementation or a process-focused approach which monitors what is being done to an emphasis on results – a focus not just on the immediate output level results but extending to the desired effects or benefits.

Monitoring of Vision 2030 Jamaica takes place at two different levels, results and implementation – both of which are important. The latter tracks the inputs, activities and outputs, while results-based monitoring, tracks changes in the indicators which are a reliable means of measuring achievements, impact and effectiveness. It is therefore the indicators at the result level that signal success and/or failure. Progress in the achievement of the goals and outcomes of Vision 2030 Jamaica is therefore measured through use of national outcome indicators aligned to the 4 goals and 15 national outcomes. These indicators signal the extent to which the implementation of strategic priorities under Vision 2030 Jamaica is achieving the intended results.

The progress reports on Jamaica's Development Results, produced by the Secretariat represent the only space nationally that allows for the reporting on the overall development progress of Jamaica – that is social, economic, environmental and governance spheres of development. In keeping with its mandate to monitor

and evaluate the implementation of the National Development Plan, as well as to prepare and submit timely progress reports to stakeholders, the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, published Jamaica's Development Results 2009/10 – 2017/18.

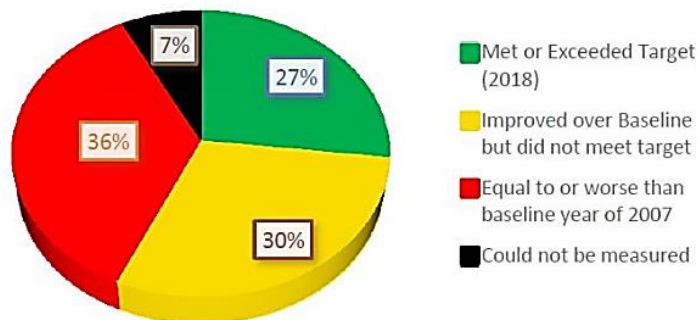
An Assessment of Our Country's Performance

For MTF 2015-2018, 67 indicators were used to assess progress in meeting the medium term targets and advancement towards the 2030 targets and goals. Measurement of the national development results is against 2018 targets for indicators with 2016, 2017 and 2018 data and against 2015 targets for indicators with pre-2016 data. Based on the latest available data as at end December 2018, over the period 2015 - 2018, Jamaica saw development gains in several areas:

- Human capital development
- Macroeconomic stability
- Reduction in unemployment
- Increases in the use of non-fossil fuel based energy such as alternatives and renewables
- Governance particularly in control and corruption and government effectiveness
- Key economic industries particularly tourism and agriculture
- Infrastructural development

However, the period also saw increases in crime rates, low levels of economic growth, a general increase in the number of communicable diseases, a fall in environmental sustainability, and poverty, particularly rural poverty remains at undesirable levels.

JAMAICA'S DEVELOPMENT RESULTS 2009/10 - DECEMBER 2018



The overall progress of implementation of Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan under successive MTFs (2009-2012, 2012-2015 and 2015-2018) has been mixed. A summary of the progress made under the framework of national outcome indicators and targets for the Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan indicates that of a total of 67 indicators, 56.8 per cent have shown improvement over the baseline year 2007 based on results to 2017/18, while 35.8 per cent showed no improvement or worsened relative to the baseline year of 2007.

This can be further broken down as follows:

- 26.9 per cent of the Vision 2030 Jamaica targets were met or exceeded in 2017/18 compared with 25.4 per cent for the 2016/17 period
- 29.9 per cent of the indicators showed some improvement over the baseline year 2007 compared with 38.8 per cent for the 2016/17 period
- 35.8 per cent of the indicators showed no improvement or worsened compared to 31.3 per cent for the 2016/17 period
- 7.5 per cent of the indicators could not be compared in this way due to lack of agreed targets for the relevant period
 - Per cent staff/population ratio (physicians, nurses and mid-wives) per 1000 population
 - Poverty in rural areas

- Percentage change in export earnings from the bauxite industry
- Percentage of Renewables in Energy Mix
- National Poverty Rate (prevalence)

Analysis of Indicators Meeting or Exceeding Targets

An examination of the indicators which met or exceeded the Vision 2030 targets revealed the following:

- Of the 26.9 per cent of the indicators which met or exceeded the Vision 2030 Jamaica targets, the majority, relate to the social and economic areas. Regarding the social area, some of the targets which were achieved include life expectancy, adult literacy (male), grade 4 literacy (male and female) and population growth rate.
- Notably, with respect to governance, the target for government effectiveness was achieved.
- In the economic area, targets for annual inflation were exceeded, representing subdued inflationary impulses over the 2015-2018 period. Regarding economic infrastructure, the 2018 target for the infrastructure index, was exceeded. Notably, all the indicators tracking progress of the tourism sector exceeded their respective targets. These are:
 - per cent change in foreign exchange earnings from tourism
 - per cent change in visitor arrivals (stopover)
 - per cent change in visitor arrivals (cruise)
 - per cent change in the number of persons employed in the accommodations sector
- With regard to the environment, one (1) indicator, hazard damage as a per cent of GDP met the 2018 target.

Analysis of Indicators Improving over the Baseline but not Meeting Target

At the end of the FY2017/18 period, approximately 30 per cent of the indicators showed some improvement towards meeting the targets. This compares with 39 per cent at the end of FY 2016/17. A further disaggregation of the data shows that:

- 60 per cent improved over the baseline and are moving in the direction of the target. This compares with 58 per cent for the 2016/17 period. Some of these indicators include:
 - Percentage of the labour force certified
 - Voice and accountability index
 - Nominal GDP per capita
 - Fiscal balance as a percentage of GDP (Fiscal Year)
 - Grade 4 literacy rates – both sexes
- 40 per cent improved over the baseline but are not moving towards meeting target. This compares with 42 per cent for the 2016/17 period. Some of these indicators include:
 - Energy intensity index
 - Housing quality index
 - Agriculture production index
 - Rule of law index
 - Resident patent filing

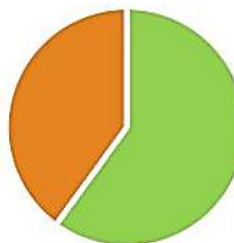
Analysis of Indicators Remaining Same as Baseline (2007) or Worsening

At the end of the FY2017/18 period, 35.8 per cent of the 67 indicators showed no improvement or worsened relative to the baseline year of 2007. This compares with 31 per cent at the end of FY2016/17, reflecting an increase of 4.8 per cent.

An examination of these changes showed that:

- With regard to health, maternal mortality and the Unconditional probability of dying between ages of 30 and 70 from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases have worsened relative to the baseline.
- In the area of education and training, attendance rates at the early childhood, primary and secondary levels declined below the baseline year of 2007. It is important to note that for 2012 all targets for attendance rates were met.
- The national poverty rate continues to be at undesired levels as it remained consistently worse than the baseline (2007) over the period 2008 – 2016. The percentage of PATH beneficiaries in consumption quintiles 1 and 2, is also worse than the baseline.
- Of particular concern is safety and security as category 1 crimes/100,000 population, murder rate/100,000 population and recidivism have all worsened relative to the baseline.
- Five (5) consecutive years of growth has been recorded for the Jamaican economy (2013 – 2017). However, the performances for each year remained below the baseline.
- The unemployment rate remained worse than the baseline despite four consecutive years of improvement.
- Jamaica's position on the ease of doing business rank remained worse than the baseline.
- The respective indicators for manufacture; construction; recreational, cultural and sporting activities; financing and insurance real estate and business service industries all show performances worse than the baseline year. These indicators are: Percentage change in export earnings from manufacturers, Percentage change in labour productivity of Construction and Installation sector, Growth Rate of Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Activities, Growth Rate of Services (Financing and Insurance and Real Estate and Business Services).
- The proportion of households with access to secure tenure and poverty in rural areas have remained below the baseline for the duration of the implementation period of MTF 2015 – 2018.
- With regard to the environment, Jamaica's score on the environmental performance index fell from a high of 77.02 for 2016 to 58.58 for 2018.

Breakdown of Indicators Showing Improvement Over Baseline 2007 but Not Achieving Target (Indicators in Yellow)



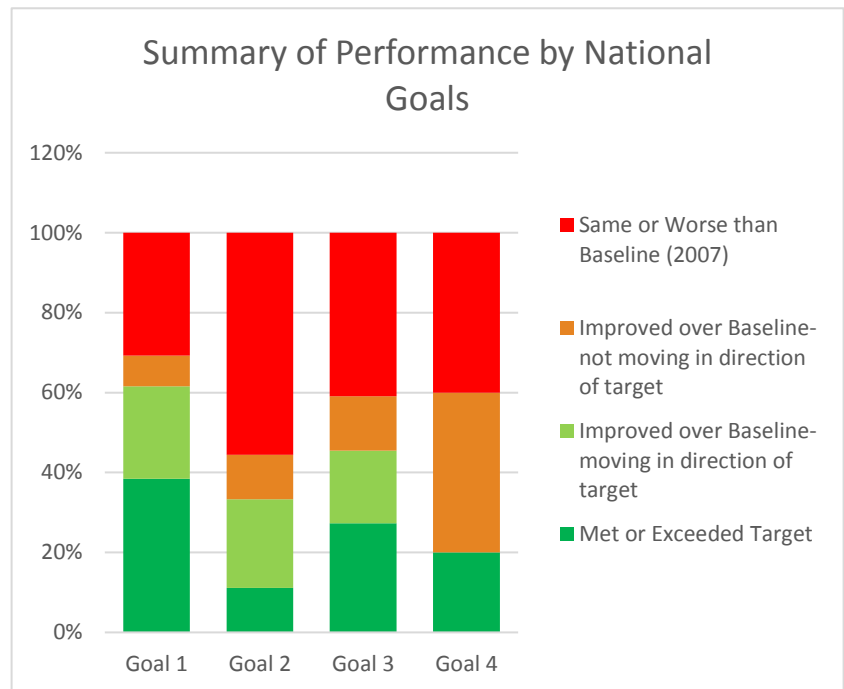
- Improved over Baseline-moving in direction of target
- Improved over Baseline-not moving in direction of target

Summary of Performance by the National Goals

The following chart shows the summary of performance under each of the four (4) national goals. The chart shows the following:

- The largest development gains were under Goal 1: "Jamaicans are Empowered to Achieve their Fullest Potential", followed by Goal 3: "Jamaica's Economy is Prosperous"

- Whilst there are many development gains under Goal 1 such as life expectancy, child mortality rate, grade 4 literacy rates, grade 4 numeracy rates, per cent of labour force (14 to 65) that is certified, secondary level enrolment rates among others, there is need to be mindful of the high levels of poverty, including rural poverty, as well as the effects of non-communicable diseases (e.g. diseases of the circulatory system, cancer, respiratory among others).
- The area of greatest concern for the country is Goal 2 “The Jamaican Society is Secure, Cohesive and Just”. All indicators tracking progress in the area of safety and security showed performances which were worse than the baseline year of 2007. These include category 1 crimes/100,000 population, murder rate /100,000 population and recidivism.
- With respect to effective governance, which also captures justice related results, majority of the indicators have shown improvements over the baseline year of 2007 based on data up to 2017. The outturn for the government effectiveness index exceeded the target for 2018 while the indicators voice and accountability index, control of corruption index and rule of law index all showed improvements over the baseline year of 2007 but did not achieve the 2015 nor 2018 targets. The case clearance rate and the regulatory quality index both showed worse performances relative to the baseline year.
- Under Goal 3 “Jamaica’s Economy is Prosperous”, the greatest gains were realized in the macroeconomy and the tourism industry.
- With respect to the macroeconomy, the target for annual inflation rate was met while debt to GDP ratio (fiscal year), fiscal balance as a percentage of GDP (fiscal year), and nominal GDP per capita are moving towards meeting their respective targets. Moreover, all targets for the tourism sector have been met for 2018.
- There are also development gains in the build out of strong economic infrastructure as the target for the infrastructure index was achieved.
- Under Goal 4, Jamaica has a healthy natural environment, Jamaica continued to perform better than the baseline year of 2007 with respect to the housing quality index and the proportion of households with access to secure tenure based on data up to 2015, the latest available. However, the 2015 targets for both indicators were not achieved. Rural poverty, which is also used as an indicator for rural and urban development, remains a concern for the country. With respect to environmental performance, there were some development losses in this area for the country evidenced by a fall in the country’s 2018 score on the environmental performance index. This outturn is below the baseline performance of 2007 and requires urgent attention.



Thematic Working Groups (TWGs)



The Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, over the period, continued to manage the operation of the 13 existing TWGs: - Health, Population, Education and Training, National Social Protection Committee (NSPC – TWG proxy), National Security, Governance, Justice, Strong Economic Infrastructure, Energy and Minerals Development, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources Management, and Hazard Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change, with over 25 TWG meetings being held during the year.



These TWGs consists of membership from the public and private sectors, civil society and international development partners, and are established as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework, for Vision 2030 Jamaica, to provide a dynamic framework in which to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate strategic priorities and actions; track indicator progress; identify and mobilize resources for the sector or thematic area; promote new policies and projects; share information, knowledge and expertise; and ensure concerted and coordinated technical support towards national development.



A main highlight from the TWGs, for the reporting period, is the preparation of a draft National STI Policy that when promulgated, will be Jamaica's first long-term national STI policy embodied by the vision statement *"A dynamic STI culture, unleashing the*

creative potential of our people, catalyzing economic development and sustainable prosperity, contributing to social transformation, empowering Jamaicans to excel in an evolving world and contribute to the global frontiers of science".

The Alignment of Vision 2030 Jamaica with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Vision 2030 Jamaica serves as the axis around which efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals will be organized. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an interdependent set of 17 'broad and universal' development goals with 169 targets, which represent consensus and an urgent call for action by all countries to achieve sustainable and inclusive development by 2030. Vision 2030 Jamaica is a plan for achieving sustainable development in Jamaica and like the SDGs addresses the three dimensions of sustainability – social, economic and environmental. The SDGs are an agenda to advance - People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership (5Ps). This is not dissimilar to the overarching vision for Jamaica and our national goals and outcomes as well as our country's guiding principles. This landmark agreement envisions the creation of a better world that is free of poverty and underpinned by universal peace and where 'no one is left behind'.

"Vision 2030 Jamaica...advancing the achievement of the SDGs...leaving no one behind"!

To strengthen the alignment of the processes for the implementation of Vision 2030 Jamaica under each MTF and the processes for implementation of the UN MSDF CIP, the relevant existing Vision 2030 Jamaica Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) served as the Results Group for the four (4) priority areas of the UN MSDF.

Additionally, given the relatively close alignment between the SDGs and Vision 2030 Jamaica, the Secretariat, over the reporting period, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), commenced the planning process for a new project called “Advancing the SDGs through Vision 2030 Jamaica Project” for implementation between January – December 2019, and will include the following activities:

1. Development of an integrated online platform which would enhance reporting on the progress of Vision 2030 Jamaica and which will allow for reporting on the progress of the SDGs based on the alignment of the national development plan with the SDGs as well as reporting on activities included in the CIP.
2. The development of a policy paper detailing an analysis of innovative financing mechanisms that would be applicable to the Jamaica context and aligned to the eight priority areas set out in MTF 2018 - 2021.
3. Development of capacity within local authorities or municipal corporations across the 14 parishes of Jamaica to localize Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs into local level plans such as the local sustainable development plans (LSDPs) as well as the corporate and operational plans of these authorities.

Sharing the Vision – The Vision 2030 Jamaica Communications Programme



The Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat continued its work to ensure that sounds of Vision 2030 Jamaica are echoed throughout all 14 parishes. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that all Jamaicans benefit from an improved understanding of Vision 2030 Jamaica and their role in making Jamaica, “*the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business*”. The Secretariat participated in over 100 events as follows:

- Sponsoring, partnering or participating in over 40 expos and conferences that were (e.g. International Youth Fellowship World Camp; Jamaica Manufacturers’ and Exporters Association (JMEA) 1st Annual Awards Banquet, UWI Research Days 2018, Alternative Energy Expo 2018, Biodiversity Conference

2018, International Coastal Clean-up Day, Airport Authority of Jamaica's (AAJ) Schools' Art Project 2018, Christian Diaspora Conference 2018, Caribbean Bamboo Symposium, Community Renewal Programme Best practice Symposium, I'm Glad I'm a Girl Youth Camp, Jamaica Social Investment Fund Summer Camp, CVSS Summer Games among others)

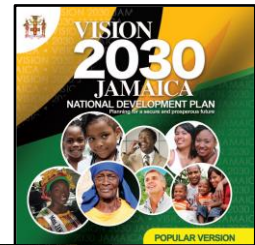
- Delivering over 50 presentations to international development partners, public and private sector, academia, civil society and other groups
- Participating in 3 media events such as radio interviews

Vision 2030 Jamaica Publications

At the end of December 2018, approximately 52,374 copies of the Vision 2030 Jamaica Popular Version (a reader-friendly, non-technical version of the National Development Plan designed to provide information for the general public and youth and children) had been distributed to stakeholders islandwide through various communication interventions, along with the associated audio book and Information Video.

Over the period, Vision 2030 Jamaica completed the following publications:

- Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework 2018-2021
- 1000 Vision 2030 Jamaica 2019 Desk Calendars produced
- 1000 Vision 2030 Jamaica 2019 Wall Calendars produced
- Vision 2030 Jamaica Q & A
- Vision 2030 Jamaica Advertorial Published in the Jamaica Observer on May 9, 2018
- Child's Month article Published in the Jamaica Observer on May 29, 2019
- "Beating Plastic Pollution" Campaign Advert done in the Jamaica Observer in recognition of World Environment Day June 5, 2018.



Launch of First Corporate Social Responsibility Campaign – “Beating Plastic Pollution”

From plastic bags, to plastic bottles, microbeads, Styrofoam and more, single-use plastics have invaded not only our cities and their landfills but have also reached the heart of our once forests and even our marine environment. The Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat joined the global initiative to work towards addressing this epidemic through its Corporate Social Responsibility Campaign “Beating Plastic Pollution”. This campaign was launched during National Environment Awareness Week



(June 3 – 8, 2018) and is intended to raise awareness on one of the biggest environmental challenges of our time, plastic pollution, and to change the mind-set of our people from disposable to reusable through adopting the approach of the 6R's, Reduce, Reuse, Refuse, Rethink, Repair and Recycle. It also aligns well with Goal 4 of Vision 2030 Jamaica - National Development Plan “Jamaica has a Healthy Natural Environment”. This ongoing “Beating Plastic Pollution” Campaign is also aligned to the government's recent ban on certain single-use plastics. Under this initiative, the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat has produced and distributed over 1000 reusable shopping bags, over 1000 reusable drinking bottles, over 100 aluminium bottles and 500 glass mugs to members of the general public, free of charge to aid in the transition from disposable to reusable items.



Under this campaign the following activities were completed:

- **Sensitization session on “Beating Plastic Pollution” Campaign at the Church of Ascension** - On June 3, 2018 the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat kick-started National Environmental Awareness week, by participating in the Church of Ascension’s Environment Disaster Preparedness Display as a pre-launch to the “Beating Plastic Pollution” Campaign. At this event, Vision 2030 Jamaica sensitized church members on the issue of plastic pollution in Jamaica and gave them a start for the transition from disposable to reusable by presenting them with Vision 2030 Jamaica reusable bags, bottles and cups.



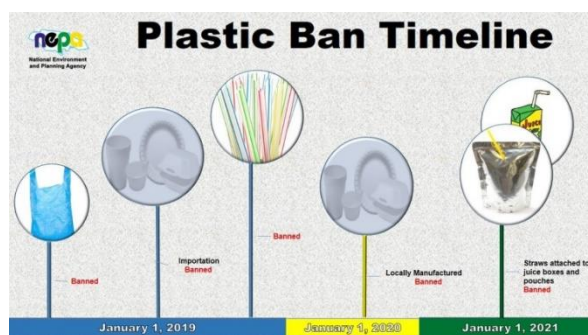
- **Official Launch of the Vision 2030 Jamaica “Beating Plastic Pollution” Campaign** - The Vision 2030 Jamaica “Beating Plastic Pollution” Campaign was officially launched on June 4, 2018. At this event, reusable bags and reusable bottles were handed over to our partners under the campaign (the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), Environment Risk Management Division of the MEGJC and the GEF Small Grants Programme) who provided and continue to provide support by sensitizing members of the general public on the great environmental challenge of plastic pollution and to distribute Vision 2030 Jamaica reusable items, such as Reusable water bottles, aluminium bottles, glass mugs and tote bags, to support the notion of “beating plastic pollution”.
- **Collaboration with NEPA for International Plastic Bag Free Day** - Globally, July 3, 2018 was recognized as International Plastic Bag Free Day which created a unique opportunity to spread the word that a plastic bag free world is possible and that sound environmental alternatives to single use plastic bags are available. In recognition of this day, the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat collaborated with NEPA to distribute reusable bags to shoppers at Hi-Lo Food Store locations in Half Way Tree and Cross Roads. A number of wholesales and venders were also provided with bags.



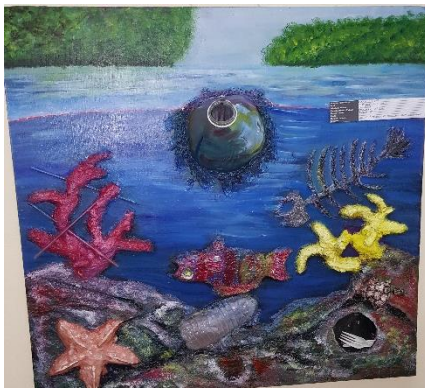
- **Sponsorship and Participation in International Coastal Clean-up Day** - Vision 2030 Jamaica provided sponsorship for International Coastal Clean-up Day activities, put on by the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) and NEPA, at Hellshire Bay Beach, on September 15, 2018. A Vision 2030 Jamaica Team, consisting of staff and friends of the PIOJ, worked alongside other participants, from other organizations and community groups, to remove plastics and other debris from the shorelines of the beach.



- **Contributed to the Multi-Stakeholder Committee Tasked to Recommend Solutions for Reducing Plastic/Styrofoam** - Members of the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat formed part of the Committee tasked with providing policy solutions to reduce the use of plastics and Styrofoam. The Secretariat also formed part of the Plastic Ban Public Relations Committee.



- **Sponsorship of the Airport Authority of Jamaica's Schools' Art Project** - Under the "Beating Plastic Pollution" Campaign, Vision 2030 Jamaica also sponsored prizes for Theme 2 of the 2018 staging of the competition: "The impact of single use disposable plastics on the Marine Environment". Vision 2030 Jamaica Winners were selected from all four categories (A – D) and were presented with a Vision 2030 Jamaica Plaque, cash prizes and Vision 2030 Vision Baskets. The Vision 2030 Jamaica winners are as follows:
 - Kara Benjamin – Mona Preparatory School (Vision 2030 Jamaica Winner for Category A: 5-9 years)
 - Nathan Morris – Herbert Morrison Technical High School (Vision 2030 Jamaica Winner for Category B: 10-14 years)
 - Marlon Cockett – Manchester High School (Vision 2030 Jamaica Winner for Category C: 15-19 years)
 - Adrian Parkinson from the Frome Technical High (Winner of the Vision 2030 Jamaica Special Award from category C: 15-19 years)
 - Khafre Rennie – Genesis Academy (Vision 2030 Jamaica Winner for Category D – Special needs young adults under 20 years)



The Way Foreword for 2019

In 2019, the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat will:

- Work with Government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) as well private sector, and civil society organizations to align their corporate plans, operational plans and strategic policies to Vision 2030 Jamaica and MTF 2018 – 2021 to facilitate effective implementation of the MTF; and will kick off a road-show to present the MTF to key stakeholders and update them on requirements for monitoring and reporting
- Produce the country's development results for the period 2009/10 - 2018/19 covering the performance in the economic, social, environmental and governance spheres of development - this is the only space nationally where this level of analysis is undertaken. Prepare the Annual Progress Report on Vision 2030 Jamaica
- Work with local authorities to align their plans and budgets with Vision 2030 Jamaica. This will be undertaken through an initiative launched in 2016 called "Parish Talk" which is an island wide tour of every parish of Jamaica to facilitate discussions on national development planning and Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan. "Parish Talk" will be relaunched, in 2019, under the "Advancing the SDGs through Vision 2030 Jamaica Project" which will also be rolled out, by the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, in the coming fiscal year, and will include discussions on the alignment of Vision 2030 Jamaica to the SDGs. "Parish Talk" not only targets Local Authorities but also the Chamber of Commerce for each parish, Parish Libraries, schools and members of the general public.
- Report on the advancement of the SDG targets
- Continue to play a key role in sensitizing the public to Vision 2030 Jamaica and development planning in general and also the alignment of the Plan with the SDGs and Jamaica's progress towards advancing the SDGs

- Undertake, through its TWGs, various pieces of technical work as well as establish additional TWGs. TWGs serve as consultative mechanisms for the monitoring and evaluation of Vision 2030 Jamaica
- Produce a range of technical publications geared towards building capacity in the country in the areas of development planning as well as monitoring and reporting
- Launch and implement its second corporate social responsibility campaign
- The Secretariat will continue to strengthen its communications programmes in an effort to encourage buy in across all sectors – public, private, civil society, academia and IDPs and the general public. Among these programmes is championing the creation of a plastic free Jamaica, under the “Beating Plastic Pollution” Campaign, facilitating the creating a healthy natural environment. Additionally, a new CSR Campaign will be launched in the coming year
- Implement the UNDP supported Vision 2030 Jamaica SDG Project which includes four key activities: the design and development of an Integrated Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Platform for Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs; a project database for PIOJ; the conduct of a comprehensive analysis of opportunities for innovative financing under the MTF and the applicability of new financing for development instruments to Jamaica; implementation of "Parish Talk" (parish by parish events) as a means of localizing Vision 2030 Jamaica and the SDGs among the local authorities and municipalities in Jamaica.

Meet the Vision 2030 Jamaica Team



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A VISION FOR JAMAICA

National Vision Statement

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

The Vision

From bustling townships and cities to the “irie” countryside, we are a people of tremendous God-given talent and potential. Out of diverse hardships we remain strong and deeply spiritual. Jamaica, an island gem basking in brilliant sunshine where cool waters cascade from the mountains to the fertile soils of the valleys below.

As a united family at home and abroad, we commit to a vision in which:

- we ensure equitable access to modern education and training appropriate to the needs of each person and the nation
- we provide quality and timely healthcare for the mental, physical and emotional well-being of our people
- our children and our children's children can continue to enjoy the unique environmental and cultural treasures of our island home
- we seek out and support the entrepreneurial talents and creativity of our people
- we create prosperity through the sustainable use and management of our natural resources
- we create and advance national prosperity and security by vigorously seeking, learning, generating, and applying scientific and technological knowledge
- we provide full access to efficient and reliable infrastructure and services
- we are the premier destination to visit and do business
- we hold to and build on those positive core values and attitudes that have made us distinctly Jamaican
- we resolve conflicts through dialogue and mediation
- we treat each other with respect and dignity
- we all have a meaningful voice in the decision-making of our country
- we create a safe and secure society
- we know our rights and responsibilities and stand equal before the law
- Our families contribute positively to the society and nurture, protect, encourage and support their members

We especially seek to create a secure future for our vulnerable population in ensuring that:

- each child has equal opportunity to develop his or her full potential through access to the best care, affection and protection
- our youth are empowered to contribute meaningfully in building and strengthening the communities to which they belong
- our elderly and persons with disabilities are fully integrated within society, have access to appropriate care and support services and are treated as valuable human resources
- no one falls into, or remains in poverty for lack of adequate support

“One love, one heart, one Jamaica”

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