

## JAMAICA – COUNTRY DESCRIPTION

Jamaica is an upper/middle-income country located in the Caribbean Sea with a population of about 2.9 million people. Rich in natural resources and politically stable, the country enjoys close commercial ties with the United States, Canada, and fellow member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). It is also a member of the EU-Caribbean Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). Its economic situation is improving through the years, supported by reforms and consolidation measures. However, Jamaica also faces several development challenges: high public debt, high levels of violence, high poverty rate, and vulnerability to natural disasters, mainly hurricanes and tropical storms.

The EU's cooperation with Jamaica pursues the global objective of poverty reduction and sustainable development, based on the principles of the ACP-EU partnership and Jamaica's national development plan 'Vision 2030'.

The cooperation initiatives between the EU and Jamaica is estimated at €66 million invested in Jamaica over the period 2014-2020, focusing on four sectors: Justice, Environment and Climate Change (including forest policy), Public Finance and Citizen Security.

As part of the CIF programme, Jamaica benefits from a total investment of EUR 88,455,609 and a CIF contribution of 19,370,000. There is currently one ongoing bilateral project and one under contracting phase, related to the sustainable energy and health sectors, respectively. Jamaica is also a beneficiary of the multi-country project Credit Facility for the Caribbean Development Bank.

### ● LIST OF BILATERAL PROJECTS

| Project title                              | Sector             | Total €           | CIF €             |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Energy management and efficiency programme | Sustainable energy | 36,500,000        | 9,170,000         |
| Health services network strengthening      | Health             | 51,955,609        | 10,200,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                               |                    | <b>88,455,609</b> | <b>19,370,000</b> |

### ● LIST OF MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECTS

| Project title                                      | Sector                           | Total €           | CIF €            |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Credit Facility for the Caribbean Development Bank | Multisector / Sustainable energy | 33,000,000        | 3,150,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       |                                  | <b>33,000,000</b> | <b>3,150,000</b> |

**PROJECT:**

**Energy Management and Efficiency Programme**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

IDB

**PARTNERS:**

CIF

JICA

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 36,500,000

**CIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 9,170,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Investment Grant

Technical assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**

Dec 2017 –Aug 2021

**DESCRIPTION:**

After decades struggling with high debt levels (currently at 125%) and the given progress with an International Monetary Fund (IMF) stabilization programme, the current focus of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is on strict fiscal policy measures and growth-promoting programmes.

This Energy Management and Efficiency Programme (EMEP) aligns with that focus, promoting energy efficiency and conservation as a viable approach to bring down the GOJ fuel bill, mitigate against volatile oil prices and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The general objective of this programme is to promote a more efficient use of energy resources that would free public funds through lower government bills and reduced oil imports, helping the government of Jamaica to further reduce its debt and create the fiscal space for productive spending whilst also contributing to greenhouse gas emissions' reduction.

The specific objectives of this programme are:

1. reduced electricity consumption within government facilities;
2. decreased fuel consumption through improved traffic control management;
3. increased institutional capacity to promote and supervise electricity planning in Jamaica.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:**

- Fuel imports will be reduced by 618,608 barrels of oil.
- Carbon emissions will be reduced by 228,424 tons CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- 30 health, education and public agency government facilities will be equipped with energy-efficiency systems, benefitting 12,000 students in schools, more than 3,500 patients in hospitals and workers from 255 public agencies.

**PROJECT:**

**Health Services Network Strengthening**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

IDB

**PARTNER:**

CIF

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 51,955,609

**CIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 10,200,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Investment Grant

**DURATION PERIOD:**

To be confirmed

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project seeks to alleviate the pressure on the reference hospitals in Kingston from the large, underserved populations in three parishes of the country's interior. It will promote the construction, remodelling, and expansion and provision of medical equipment for ten health centres in the catchment areas of the hospitals. Also, the government will develop and implement policies to combat non-communicable diseases (NCDs) as well as to strengthen priority health care services' networks (three hospitals and associated health centres).

**OBJECTIVE:**

The main objective of the IDB hybrid operation is to contribute to improving the health of Jamaica's population. The specific objectives are:

1. Reduce the burden of NCDs through the support for prevention policies
2. Improve access to health services.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:**

- Decrease in mortality and morbidity resulting from greater coverage and quality of health network services provided through investments in infrastructure, equipment, management improvement and implementation of health information systems in hospitals and primary health care services;
- Quantified gains in the productivity of the population derived from better health.



**PROJECT:**

**Credit Facility for the Caribbean Development Bank**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

Jamaica, Saint Lucia,  
Saint Vincent and the  
Grenadines, Suriname

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

AFD

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 33,000,000

**LAIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 3,150,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Technical assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**

Oct 2015 – Dec 2021

**SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY:**

Street Light Retrofitting: power project to replace the Jamaica Public Service Corporation Limited high-pressure sodium and mercury vapor streetlamps with high efficiency LED lamps. The total cost of this project is 31M€.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project aims to promote and finance new sustainable infrastructure projects in the Caribbean region in the sectors of energy, transport, water and sanitation and climate change mitigation. It also seeks to reinforce the national implementing agencies for the seeding and follow-up of new projects, specifically to create a pipeline of quality projects within the borrowing member countries.

**EXPECTED RESULTS IN JAMAICA:**

- Reduction of Jamaica's streetlight energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions.
- Climate change adaptation.