STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10
SOPE

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Jamaica

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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY10 provides information on all IBRD, IDA, and trust funded projects that were active as of June 30, 2010. The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. In accordance with the Bank’s revised disclosure policy, since FY02, the SOPE Report is available to the public.

The report is intended to bridge the gap in information available to the public between the Project Appraisal Document or Program Document, disclosed after the Bank approves a project, and the Implementation Completion Report, disclosed after the project closes.

In addition to the project progress description, the FY10 SOPE report\(^1\) contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

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\(^1\) Notes:
- Amounts and Graphs for loans/credits/grants in currencies other than U.S. dollars may not match exactly due to exchange rate fluctuations over the life of the project.
- Disbursement graphs are not included for Development Policy Operations, which provide quick-disbursing financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these operations, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed prior actions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus will not include a graph.
Jamaica

Project Name (ID): JM Inner City Basic Services Project (P091299)

Country: Jamaica

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2006

Midterm Review Date: 02/08/2010

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-94380, TF-54629, IBRD-P4140, IBRD-48190

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (38%), Other social services (35%), Roads and highways (17%), Power (5%), Micro- and SME finance (5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (25%), Other urban development (25%), Participation and civic engagement (24%), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (13%), Other social development (13%)

Project Development Objectives: The project development objective is to improve quality of life in 12 Jamaican inner-city areas and poor urban informal settlements through improved access to basic urban infrastructure, financial services, land tenure regularization, enhanced community capacity and improvements in public safety.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress towards achieving the development objectives has been slower than expected as a result of fiscal constraints that have limited public expenditures, thus slowing completion of infrastructure in the communities. The social interventions have been particularly successful in building community capacity to organize against violence, as well in carrying out evidence-based violence prevention and programs targeted towards at-risk youth and poor and vulnerable families (i.e. parenting and mentoring programs, among others), and in providing the necessary safety conditions for the physical infrastructure projects to proceed.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2010)

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Project Name (ID): JM Early Childhood Develop Proj -- SWAP (P095673)

Country: Jamaica

Board Approval Date: 05/13/2008

Midterm Review Date: 05/21/2010

Closing Date: 09/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75540, TF-56580

Sector(s): Pre-primary education (60%), Health (35%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Education for all (50%), Other social protection and risk management (25%), Child health (25%)

Project Development Objectives: The objectives are to (a) improve the monitoring of children's development, the screening of household-level risks, and the risk mitigation and early interventions systems; (b) enhance the quality of early childhood schools and care facilities, and (c) strengthen early childhood organizations and institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Though a fair number of intermediate results have been achieved, exogenous factors such as the unforeseen economic downturn, human resource capacity, and the H1N1 pandemic have affected achievement of some targets. Although the development objectives remain the same, the Government has realized that the expected pace for achieving them will need to be adjusted. A Mid-term Review of the National Strategic Plan was held in May 2010, which helped the Government to assess progress made in a number of areas. The following has been achieved over the last year: initiation of inspections of Early Childhood Institutes, whereby 567 centers have received "permits to operate"; development and field testing of a child health passport; development of standards and an accreditation system for early childhood parenting education and support programs; and establishment of a format for the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service to monitor expenditures on Early Childhood across several government agencies (e.g. Ministries of Education, Health, Labor and Social Security).

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Country: Jamaica  
Board Approval Date: 05/13/2008  
Closing Date: 09/30/2013  
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75550  
Sector(s): Other social services (80%), Central government administration (10%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (10%)  
Theme(s): Social safety nets (50%), Improving labor markets (25%), Social risk mitigation (25%)  
Project Development Objectives: The Project aims to strengthen Jamaica's social protection system.  
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to make progress towards achieving its development objectives. The Government of Jamaica (GoJ) has made remarkable efforts to expand the coverage of the national conditional cash transfer program (Program of Advancement through Health and Education - PATH), to ensure that all poor households have access to the program. Registered beneficiaries increased by over a third from 2008 to 2010, reaching 332,516 registered beneficiaries in February 2010. Although the coverage of the program increased significantly over the past years low compliance rates for education and health remain an issue. The GoJ launched in November 2010 a pilot project, Steps to Work (StW), to assist and empower working-age members of PATH households to seek and retain employment, or to venture into entrepreneurship. By March 2010, 1,866 persons had benefited from the pilot. A number of training activities to strengthen GoJ capacity to reform the public sector pension schemes took place in 2009-2010. The GoJ has now started drafting a Green Paper on public sector pension reform that should be finalized by December 2010.

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![Graph showing lending information and disbursement summary](chart.png)
Project Name (ID): JM Rural Economic Development Initiative (P105122)

Country: Jamaica

Board Approval Date: 09/03/2009

Closing Date: 07/31/2016

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-77690, TF-90322

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (41%), Other industry (41%), Public administration-Agriculture, fishing and forestry (9%), Public administration-Industry and trade (9%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (50%), Rural non-farm income generation (50%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective is to improve market access for micro and small-scale agricultural producers and tourism product and service providers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project became effective in late January 2010 and selection of the first round of grant recipients is under way.

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Project Name (ID): JM Second HIV/AIDS Project (P106622)

Country: Jamaica

Board Approval Date: 05/13/2008

Closing Date: 11/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75560

Sector(s): Health (63%), Solid waste management (19%), Other social services (13%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (33%), Health system performance (17%), Population and reproductive health (17%), Tuberculosis (17%), Participation and civic engagement (16%)

Project Development Objectives: The project objective is to assist implementing the Government’s National HIV/AIDS program through deepening prevention interventions, increasing access to treatment, care and support services, and strengthening the program management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to support the implementation of the National AIDS Program. Progress toward achieving the development objectives is slower than initially anticipated. Due to the impact of the global financial crisis, the government’s budget allocation for the HIV program was reduced by more than 60% in the last Fiscal Year. With the limited budget allocation to the National HIV Program, the government mainly used the project loan as counterpart fund for the Global Fund Grants to finance staffing costs of the National Program. The project funds have also been used to finance the activities under the treatment component for minor renovations of the tuberculosis laboratory and health centers, workshops in clinical management of HIV/AIDS for training 230 health workers in all categories (including pharmacists, doctors, nurses, social workers, contact investigators, adherence counselors, etc.), establishing 24 treatment sites, and the procurement of medical equipment. The project was unable to implement the biomedical waste management system due to lack of the budget. However, the Government has committed to meeting the Millennium Development Goals target and HIV/AIDS remains as one of the high priorities in the government’s agenda.

In 2009, approximately 6,200 women and 8,200 men were receiving antiretrovirals compared to approximately 4,900 women and 7,200 men in 2008. In recognizing the need to increase targeting efforts, the Ministry of Health, as well as 4 Line Ministries and civil society organizations have established prevention education campaigns in 667 schools, including an abstinence campaign in 2009 and are focusing on screening/testing other groups such as tourists, inmates, and migrant workers.

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**Project Name (ID):** JM Education Transformation Capacity Bui (P107407)

**Country:** Jamaica

**Board Approval Date:** 11/24/2009

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2014

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-78150

**Sector(s):** General education sector (92%), Public administration - Education (8%)

**Theme(s):** Education for the knowledge economy (100%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The objective of the Project is to build the capacity of the emerging key agencies (National Education Inspectorate, Jamaica Teaching Council, Regional Education Authorities, and National Education Trust) that are being established to support the national Education System Transformation Programme (ESTP).

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The project, which supports the ESTP, had just become effective before the close of the reporting period. Progress has been made in establishing the agencies to be supported under the Project. Staff have been hired for the National Education Inspectorate and Jamaica Teaching Council. Pilot inspections have taken place, and Quality Education Circles have been established across the country for teacher training and sharing of experiences. The Head has been hired for the National Education Trust, and it has been legally established. The composition and role of the Regional Education Authorities is still being discussed by the Ministry of Education, under the leadership of the new Chief Education Officer. Systems are being put in place for operations under the agencies.

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![Graph showing lending information and disbursement summary]
Project Name (ID): JM Hurricane Dean ERL (P109575)

Country: Jamaica

Board Approval Date: 12/20/2007

Midterm Review Date: 09/07/2009

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-P4380, IBRD-48780

Sector(s): Primary education (29%), Roads and highways (24%), Pre-primary education (18%), General public administration sector (18%), Health (11%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (50%), Rural services and infrastructure (25%), Other urban development (25%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective of the Jamaica Hurricane Dean Emergency Recovery Loan is to restore levels of service in selected community infrastructure. Specifically, to restore basic, primary and all-age schools, health clinics and critical feeder roads to (at a minimum) pre-hurricane levels, and to increase the Government’s ability to respond to natural hazards.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is making good progress towards its development objective. A total of 58 projects have been conducted - 29 schools, 17 health clinics and 12 roads. The beneficiary satisfaction survey conducted in December 2009 reported that 89% of beneficiaries are satisfied or very satisfied with the rehabilitation works. The highest score by sector is for the health projects with 93%, education 90% and roads 85%. The implementing agency (JSIF) now has two innovative tools to conduct preparedness training in vulnerable communities: model house and simulation software, which will be used in all training sessions.

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