



MINISTRY *HIGHLIGHTS*

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Since 2016, the Jamaica Labour Party government has worked with one clear purpose, to improve the lives of all Jamaicans.

Despite time and resources lost to the pandemic and other global challenges, we have built homes, created jobs, repaired roads, upgraded schools, supported farmers, made communities, and given rural homes piped water for the first time. We have brought health care closer to communities and provided more support to vulnerable families.

These results have not come about by chance. They are the result of serious policy, proper planning and a government that does its best to follow through on its commitments, even as it tries to be agile and responsive. These are the results of a team led by Prime Minister Andrew Holness, focussed on action and delivery. We also express our thanks to the Permanent Secretaries and other hardworking members of the public sector who form the engine of government. Achievements would be impossible without them.

In our 2020 Manifesto, we said our government would ensure accountable government that promotes unity and partnership while faithfully serving all Jamaicans and that we would focus on:

1. Recovering Stronger – ensuring that our economic output is restored to pre-COVID levels in the shortest period of time and that our recovered economy is more diversified and even more resilient;

2. Ensuring Jamaicans are working again at the same record levels or better, through a consistent and cross-cutting drive for job creation with supporting elements of innovation, training, and apprenticeship;
3. Transforming our education system to provide our children with access to quality care, education, and training so they all have the best start in life;
4. Building the safe, secure and just Jamaican society for which we all yearn;
5. Improving access to healthcare and promoting healthy lifestyles;
6. Investing in our people so they can realize their full potential;
7. Enabling and empowering all Jamaicans through the provision of national identification; access to the internet, and more effective and simplified delivery of services using technology;
8. Supporting our most vulnerable by strengthening the social safety net;
9. Taking Climate Action locally and globally, by promoting and implementing clean and green policies to secure sustainable development and a healthy environment for our future generations;

And we have been delivering for you.

Have a look at a few Ministry highlights of the work undertaken as the government advanced these goals!

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION

1. Largest Road, Highway Development and Port Infrastructure Expansion Across the Nation

- a) The Government implemented the most significant road and highway expansion in Jamaica's history. Central to this was the Southern Coastal Highway Improvement Project, which reconstructed over 140 kilometers of roadway, laid 248 kilometers of waterlines, and installed fibreoptic ducts to connect urban and rural communities. In addition, the Major Infrastructure Development Programme transformed key corridors, including Marcus Garvey Drive and Hagley Park Road, with the Caribbean's first double overpass, as well as the Mandela Highway.
- b) In addition to the \$5 billion REACH island-wide road repair programme and roadworks associated with highway projects, including the East-West Highway extension from May Pen to Williamsfield, we also undertook a major GOJ Streetlight Rehabilitation Project, which included traffic management improvement projects in urban centers, such as Downtown Kingston and Mandeville. These efforts also gave rise to the SPARK Programme. This J\$45 billion initiative has been rehabilitating local, secondary, and primary roads while simultaneously upgrading water and broadband infrastructure, as well as sewerage and drainage systems.
- c) As we work to propel economic growth through trade, logistics, shipping, including cruise and transshipment sectors, we have invested significantly in expanding port infrastructure. Early in the life of this administration, we undertook the dredging of Kingston Harbour and the divestment of Kingston Wharves, which led to significant business expansion and job creation. Subsequent accomplishments, such as the innovative and eco-friendly Port Royal floating pier, the expansion of the Historic Falmouth Cruise Port and the Ocho Rios Cruise Terminal, as well as further expansion of facilities on the Kingston Harbour, are part of our proud growth-inducing achievements.



2. Expanding National Water Security and Access

Over the review period, the Ministry invested heavily in water infrastructure, directly improving the lives of over 350,000 Jamaicans. Notably, the Rio Cobre Water Treatment Plant, valued at US\$92 million, will, when complete, deliver potable water to approximately 600,000 residents in Kingston, Spanish Town, and Portmore. It is well underway and has been complemented by practical non-revenue water reduction efforts in Portmore and Kingston, which have cut losses by close to 40% and 30%, respectively, thereby increasing the efficiency and reliability of the supply. Additionally, the Mona Reservoir benefited from the installation of a floating solar project, resulting in a reduction of more than J\$1 billion in energy costs within 18 months. These savings translate into resources for more robust water supply. The project is therefore being expanded to not only generate more savings but also promote greater climate-friendly use of renewables, consistent with our national and globally agreed-upon targets.

3. Social Housing Programme Development and Investment

The Ministry spearheaded a housing revolution that brought 14,000 new homes to market through the Housing Agency of Jamaica. Major developments such as Catherine Estate, Edmond Ridge Estate in St. James, and St. Paul's Lane were complemented by the New Social Housing Programme (NSHP), which delivered approximately 300 homes across 57 constituencies, positively affecting more than 1,000 vulnerable Jamaicans. These efforts contributed to the national target of 70,000 new homes, with a renewed focus on community building and affordability.

4. Bold Climate Action and Environmental Protection

Jamaica positioned itself as a global leader in environmental stewardship through sweeping policy and infrastructural changes. A phased ban on single-use plastics began in 2019 and has expanded to include a ban on Styrofoam, with full implementation scheduled for 2025. The Climate Change Policy Framework was also updated to align with global goals. The Ministry has protected 25% of Jamaica's land, including the Cockpit Country and through 14 Forestry Orders, bringing it closer to the global target of 30% by 2030. It also protected 15% of Jamaica's marine territory, which is 50% of the global 2030 target. The Ministry launched the Caribbean's first dual-polarization Doppler radar system to enhance weather forecasting and disaster preparedness. Meanwhile, over 1,880 micro check dams were built under the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience to mitigate flood risks and protect communities.

5. Empowering MSMEs and Promoting Economic Inclusion

The Ministry has provided access to finance and entrepreneurship opportunities for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). In the 2019/20 fiscal year alone, over J\$2.4 billion in financing was disbursed through the Development Bank of Jamaica. The Access to Finance Project, which achieved an execution rate of over 95%, improved capital access and provided training for entrepreneurs.

6. Transforming Urban Centres and Public Spaces

The revitalization of major urban centres reflected a commitment to inclusive growth and placemaking. In 2025, the Government opened the J\$6 billion Morant Bay Urban Centre in St. Thomas, creating a multi-use complex that includes courthouses, educational facilities, and commercial services. Montego Bay saw the transformation of Harmony Beach Park at a cost of J\$1.3 billion, delivering priceless enjoyment and family experiences every day. Portmore is set to benefit from the ongoing development of the J\$3.25 billion Resilience Park, designed as a flagship, climate-smart urban space for young and old, singles, families, community groups and church groups – everyone – to enjoy.

7. Advancing Digital Government and Spatial Planning Capacity

Jamaica has emerged as a regional pioneer in geospatial technology and digital governance. The Ministry successfully mapped over 12,000 kilometers of parochial roads under the SPARK Programme. It also launched the National Spatial Planning Information Technology (NSPLIT) platform, integrated with Esri technology, which now serves more than 85 government entities and has saved the Government over J\$200 million in software costs. Notably, over 8,000 students and educators have been engaged in GIS education efforts, helping to foster a new generation of spatially literate citizens.



8. Building National Disaster Resilience and Emergency Response

In response to at least seven major storm events, including Hurricane Beryl, the National Works Agency cleared over 600 roads and implemented coordinated emergency infrastructure responses. The disaster response unit, supported by GIS dashboards and spatial analytics through NERGIST, demonstrated world-class preparedness and agility. These efforts helped Jamaica reduce recovery times, mitigate losses, and support communities during national emergencies.

9. Delivering Land Ownership through Systematic Titling

The Ministry advanced tenure security through the issuance of more than 23,400 land titles under the National Land Titling Programme, with more than one half of them issued between 2021 and 2025 under the new Systematic Land Titling System. This new system has exponentially improved our ability to deliver titles, and the overall effort has already enabled thousands of Jamaicans to unlock economic opportunities, access financing, and formalize generational land (family land) ownership.

10. Modernizing the Policy and Legislative Framework for Sustainable Growth

The Ministry led the modernization of Jamaica's development policies by introducing or updating key frameworks, including the Forest Policy, the Emissions Framework, the Beach Access and Management Policy, the National Housing Policy, and the Watersheds Policy. Additionally, penalties under the NRCA and Wildlife Protection Acts were significantly increased. A distinction was made between corporate and individual liability, with personal liability carrying a maximum penalty of up to J\$5 million and a term of imprisonment of up to five years, and liability for a body corporate being at large and determinable by the Supreme Court, marking a much stronger legal stance on environmental violations to protect our rivers, lands and sea, and aligning Jamaica with international best practices.



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

1. Expansion of Housing and Financing Reform through the National Housing Trust

Between 2016 and 2025, the National Housing Trust (NHT) created over 67,000 new mortgages, initiated more than 31,000 housing starts, and completed over 21,000 homes. With over \$343 billion in housing expenditure, the NHT implemented bold reforms to improve accessibility, including increasing the loan ceiling to \$9 million, offering 100% financing for NHT-built units, and introducing income-based interest rates ranging from 0% to 5%. The External Financing Mortgage Programme provided contributors with greater flexibility and access to financing partners, while new policies prioritized affordability for low-income and first-time homeowners.

2. Infrastructure and Scheme Upgrades in Communities

The Expanded Scheme Upgrade Programme improved infrastructure in over 100 communities by rehabilitating roads, drainage systems, sewage systems, and water systems. Seventy schemes have been completed, while dozens more are currently under construction or in the planning stage. The upgrades extended to social infrastructure, such as early childhood institutions and health centres. Complementary efforts under the Community Renewal Programme and Police Station Rehabilitation Initiative helped improve living conditions and public services in key areas across Jamaica.

3. Social Support for Vulnerable Populations and the Housing-Insecure

Recognizing the needs of the most vulnerable, the NHT undertook critical interventions, including upgrading five infirmaries with solar infrastructure, doubling the disability grant, and increasing home grants to \$3.5 million. In 2024, a landmark partnership was launched to construct 14 homeless shelters across the island. These efforts were supported by expanded housing grants, special incentives for senior citizens, and new construction loans for incomplete homes occupied by low-income or retired contributors.

4. Youth Empowerment Through Housing Access, Skills Training, and Scholarships

Young adults under 35 were prioritized through a policy that reserved 10% of NHT housing units for this age group, offering access to 100% financing. The Youth Apprenticeship Construction Programme, launched under the HOPE Initiative, equipped young people with construction skills and provided them with housing benefits. The Construction Scholarship Programme also grew from 10 to 50 awards in 2025, directly supporting career development in strategic industries. These efforts reflect a concerted effort to empower Jamaica's youth through housing, education, and employment opportunities.



5. Digital Infrastructure, National Identification, and Broadband Expansion

Jamaica made historic strides in building a digitally connected and secure society. The National Broadband Initiative expanded internet access to over 600 schools, courts, and public institutions. The launch of GovNet connected 49 government entities on a unified, secure network. The establishment of the ICT Authority of Jamaica, which now oversees government-wide ICT delivery and transformation, further supported these efforts. Construction is underway at twelve (12) additional NIDS service centres, and currently over 300 volunteers have been issued with their National Identification Cards in the latest test phase before full roll-out.

6. Cybersecurity Leadership and Threat Resilience

Jamaica has become a regional leader in cybersecurity by establishing the National Security Operations Centre (NSOC) under JaCIRT, which has achieved full operational capacity and now monitors 35% of the government's systems. The National Cybersecurity Strategy (2020-2025) was developed through global partnerships, and training was delivered to over 450 public institutions. An early warning system was implemented for real-time detection and response to threats, resulting in the successful management of 96% of reported cyber incidents. These efforts safeguard national data and enhance digital trust.

7. Advancing Green Energy Solutions and Environmental Sustainability

The Smart Energy Loan Programme was launched to support home upgrades with renewable technologies, including solar panels and water heaters. The loan ceiling was raised to \$2.5 million in 2025, with zero-interest options for low-income earners. Public sector retirees also benefitted from Smart Energy Grants of up to \$1.5 million.

8. Urban Renewal and Inner-City Community Transformation

A revitalized Urban Renewal Programme was launched in 2024 with an initial allocation of \$9 billion. The programme targets six urban communities across St. James, Westmoreland and the Corporate Area for comprehensive regeneration. A coalition of government agencies, including the UDC, NEPA and PIOJ, has been engaged in conducting readiness assessments and developing implementation plans.

9. Public Sector Digital Modernization and e-Government Innovation

The Government rolled out major digital platforms to streamline service delivery and promote efficiency. These included the Electronic Business Registration Form (eBRF), the WeCARE financial support platform, the SmartCheck application for law enforcement, and the Traffic Ticket Management System. The launch of the Jamaica Data Exchange Platform (JDXP) facilitated secure, real-time data sharing across Ministries. These tools not only improved service delivery and compliance but also positioned Jamaica as a regional model for e-governance.

10. Policies that Deepened Affordability and Homeownership Access

Significant policies were introduced to improve access to homeownership for thousands of Jamaicans. In 2025, the deposit requirement for homes priced at or below \$14 million was reduced to just 2% for low-income earners. Service charges were also removed or reduced based on income. The loan waiting period for home improvement benefits was shortened from 10 to 7 years, and the individual loan limit was increased to \$9 million.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE

1. Accelerated Export Growth and Global Market Access

The Ministry has significantly expanded Jamaica's export potential through a suite of initiatives. Notably, nine high-level Ministerial Trade Missions, conducted across twelve cities, resulted in over 1,000 International B2B meetings and US\$100 million in potential business. Additionally, the launch of the Export Academy and the EXPORT Jamaica platform has equipped local businesses with the critical tools and intelligence they need to thrive in global markets.

2. Digital Transformation of Trade and Business Facilitation

Through the implementation and expansion of digital platforms such as the Jamaica Trade Information Portal (JTIP), Jamaica Single Window for Trade (JSWIFT), and the Jamaica Business Gateway (JBG), the Ministry has streamlined government-to-business services, significantly reduced permit processing time from several days to 24 hours, and improved Jamaica's trade facilitation rate from 50.5% in 2017 to 79.6% by 2023.

3. Strengthening of MSMEs through Access and Outreach

The Ministry's MSME Business Roadshow engaged nearly 2,000 businesses and distributed over J\$14.6 million in grants. Coupled with the Export Max Programme, which resulted in a 146% increase in export sales among participating firms and J\$9.98 billion in EXIM Bank loans, these efforts have created significant growth opportunities for small enterprises.

4. Special Economic Zones and Strategic Investment Attraction

Jamaica has established itself as a regional hub for investment through the strategic development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which have attracted over US\$1 billion in investments and now employ more than 42,000 people. The approval of the National Investment Policy and the recognition of Jamaica as a Top 50 UN SDG Model Zone underscore the success of this framework.

5. Legislative Reform for Financial and Investment Services

Through amendments to the Insolvency Act and the passing of the JIFSA legislative framework, the Ministry has positioned Jamaica as a modern financial services jurisdiction, simplifying business operations and increasing competitiveness in global markets.

6. Modernization of Intellectual Property Protections

The Ministry, through the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO), has registered over 16,000 intellectual property rights, updated the Patents and Designs Act, and implemented the Madrid Protocol, collectively enhancing innovation, IP protection, and brand competitiveness globally.

7. Boosting the Creative Economy through the Film Sector

Launched in 2023, the Jamaica Screen Development Initiative (JSDI) committed J\$1 billion to support Jamaica's screen-based industries. By September 2024, funding for film festivals, marketing, and rebates resulted in significant industry activity and over US\$21 million in film production expenditure.

8. Support for Innovation and Production through PIR and Incubators

Over J\$505 billion in Productive Input Relief (PIR) incentives were provided to 671 manufacturers, enhancing production capacity and promoting modernization. The establishment and renovation of JBDC-run incubators in essential oils and agro-processing have boosted the value of domestic production and trained over 80 entrepreneurs.

9. Comprehensive Exporter Support and Facilitation

To enhance global competitiveness, JAMPRO established the Exporter Facilitation Department, which hosted training and outreach sessions that supported over 500 participants. This department provides exporters with regulatory guidance, compliance support, and access to markets.

10. Improved Ease of Doing Business and Transparency

The Ministry's digital innovations and policy framework, including JBG and the NIP, have directly improved Jamaica's investment climate, transparency, and regulatory efficiency. These changes are crucial for enhancing investor confidence and fostering long-term economic growth.



MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Ten Years of Responsible Fiscal Management with No Net New Taxes

Over the life of the administration, the MOFPS has consistently delivered national budgets without imposing new taxes, while continuing to expand social services and infrastructure. This reflects strong fiscal discipline, strategic and caring management, and a commitment to inclusive economic growth, even in the face of global and domestic shocks.

2. Sustained Debt Reduction and Fiscal Resilience

Despite the economic challenges posed by COVID-19, Hurricane Beryl, Tropical Storm Rafael, and broader global shocks, the Ministry has kept Jamaica on track to achieve a debt-to-GDP ratio of 60% by FY 2027/28, having reduced the ratio to 69% as of March 2025. This creates more space in the budget to provide more services for all Jamaicans.



3. Public Sector Transformation and Regularization of Employment

In a landmark move for labour equity, 13,749 contract workers across critical sectors, including health, education, security, and waste management (JCF, Regional Health Authorities, educational institutions, and UTech, NSWMA, among others), were made permanent. This reform has enhanced job security and institutional stability across the public service. In addition, the government implemented the largest-ever increase in compensation for our hard-working public sector workers, putting more money in their pockets and improving their standard of living.

4. Investing in Human Capital through Scholarships and Online Learning Programmes

In 2020, the Ministry introduced the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Scholarship Programme as a cornerstone of its human capital development agenda. In 2024, we also introduced the Re-skilling, Up-skilling, and New-skilling Programme (R.U.N.) to empower public sector employees with unlimited training in relevant digital skills. Over 6,000 courses have been completed by public sector employees. Additionally, a \$2 billion five-year scholarship initiative was launched at the Mico University College and the University of Technology, Jamaica, to increase the number of trained STEM educators. These programmes are critical to building long-term national capacity.

5. Modernization of Government Services through Digital Innovation

In line with Jamaica's digital transformation agenda, the MOFPS implemented online motor vehicle registration renewals and expanded electronic payment systems. These improvements have streamlined public access to key government services and reduced administrative burdens.

6. Expansion of Education Infrastructure and Support Facilities

In FY2024/25 alone, J\$938 million was allocated for infrastructure upgrades in schools. This included classroom construction at seven institutions, electrical upgrades at eleven schools, sewage facility installations, and the erection of security fencing.

7. Community Transformation through Integrated Development Project

Under the Integrated Community Development Project II, seven communities across four parishes benefited from significant infrastructure improvements. These included safe passageways to schools, road and school rehabilitation, water and sewage upgrades, and the creation of new green spaces. This initiative aligns finance policy with inclusive urban renewal.

8. Strategic Climate Risk Financing and Disaster Preparedness

Recognizing the fiscal threats posed by climate change, the MOFPS adopted the National Natural Disaster Risk Financing Policy (NNDRFP). This layered approach combines local reserves for frequent, low-severity events with insurance strategies for high-severity disasters, such as hurricanes. It positions Jamaica as a regional leader in disaster-risk finance.

9. Public Offering and Monetization of Major National Assets

The Government successfully executed a public offering of the TransJamaican Highway (TJH), marking a significant milestone in democratizing public asset ownership – allowing more Jamaicans to create wealth for themselves through investment. In addition, the Wigton Windfarm IPO allowed more than 31,000 Jamaicans to become shareholders in a government-backed renewable energy project, making it the largest government IPO in Jamaica's history. This was complemented by the monetization of Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA), which unlocked capital while retaining public oversight.

10. Expansion of Equity in Public Finance through Public-Private Partnerships and Innovation

The MOFPS has spearheaded multiple fiscal innovations that enhance value for taxpayers while leveraging private sector expertise. These include expanding public-private collaboration in service delivery and developing new financial instruments for long-term infrastructure financing and pension reform.



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & FOREIGN TRADE

1. Developed the National Diaspora Policy

The National Diaspora Policy was developed to guide engagement toward the achievement of Jamaica's growth and development and within the spirit of mutuality.

2. Established the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council (GJDC) and the Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council (GJDYC)

The Councils expand collaboration among and within the Jamaican Diaspora and widen participation by including more countries across all regions. The Councils serve as advisory and consultative bodies that facilitate more effective engagement with a sector and youth-driven focus. We also launched two platforms to enhance connectivity: ConnectMeJa and JA-DEM.

3. Optimised Overseas Representation for Greater Efficiency and Impact

Jamaica established diplomatic relations with ten countries since 2016, bringing the number of nations with which Jamaica has formal diplomatic relations to 178. This administration opened a High Commission in New Delhi to expand on our deep bilateral relations with India and seize emerging opportunities in sectors including technology, agriculture and health. We also strengthened delivery of Consular Services globally by expanding the Honorary Consul network to eighty-six (86) and empowering Honorary Consuls by providing more support, including a new Consular Manual.

4. Launched New Economic Diplomacy Programme (EDP)

In collaboration with the Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO), a new Economic Diplomacy Programme (EDP) was launched to aggressively promote Jamaica for investment and trade opportunities through the MFAFT's Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts. Economic Diplomacy played a critical role in advancing the government's economic growth Agenda by generating foreign direct investments, driving exports and enhancing Jamaica's international reach in Africa & the Middle East, Asia, North America, the Caribbean, Central & South America, and Europe.





5. Increased International Support for Jamaica's Development Goals

Through keen negotiation and implementation of Technical Cooperation and Partnership Agreements and arrangements with a wide range of countries, the government was able to enhance bilateral and triangular cooperation in support of our development goals.

6. Development and Implementation of the National Foreign Trade Policy and Action Plan

In furtherance of the administration's mission to boost exports and improve Jamaica's balance of trade, the National Foreign Trade Policy and Action Plan were activated to ensure that the government creates the most favourable conditions and that Jamaican businesses both operate in an enabling environment and have competitive access to strategic markets. We have engaged more actively with bilateral and multilateral partners to reduce barriers to trade and to promote development, including being at the forefront of advocacy for other small and less developed economies.

7. Expanded our Participation in International Treaties and Agreements

Major international agreements include the Hague Convention to support protection of our children and the Apostille Convention to provide more cost-effective and simple processes for legalization of documents for use in more than 100 countries. Agreements include those for visa-free travel with Russia, Ghana and Kenya and the Dominican Republic. Air Services Agreements have been signed with the Dominican Republic and Nigeria and Jamaica has received direct flights from Santo Domingo and Lagos.

8. Strong Improvement in the Treatment of Jamaicans Throughout CARICOM

Jamaicans travelling throughout the Caribbean have experienced vastly improved treatment and increased work continues on full free movement as well as arrangements to ensure fair treatment of Jamaican goods and services in CARICOM and indeed for all of the region.

9. Strong Advocacy and Support for Regional Security

Jamaica's lessons and wins in national security have been shared with the entire region. We have been at the forefront of advocacy and action to facilitate Haitian-led and Haitian-owned solutions to the country's ongoing crisis. We have hosted meetings of Haitian Stakeholders, the Eminent Persons Group and international partners; briefed the UN Security Council; and lobbied for funding support the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS). Jamaica is leading the CARICOM Joint Taskforce-Haiti under the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission.

10. Coordination of International Support for Jamaica's COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Disaster Response

The Ministry coordinated strong international support for Jamaica's emergency response from bilateral, multilateral, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), private sector and Diaspora partners and groups. Examples include over US\$10 million in total COVID support; and \$525 million (US\$3.3 million) following the passage of Hurricane Beryl.

11. Amplified Jamaica's Global Voice and Prominence

Jamaica's influence has been amplified across the world including through successful campaigns for election to organizations and bodies including the International Maritime Organization; Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND); Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA); Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

12. Strong Advocacy on Climate Justice Including Jamaica's First Appearance Before the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

The Ministry coordinated very strong advocacy on critical global issues. Particularly on climate justice, Jamaica made its first appearance before the ICJ regarding a request for an Advisory Opinion on States' obligations in addressing climate change. The ICJ agreed with Jamaica's submission and ruled that developed nations do indeed have a legal obligation to support vulnerable countries, particularly SIDS, with financial and technical resources for climate mitigation and adaptation.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

1. Historically successful resilience developed in COVID-19

Jamaica's tourism industry achieved one of the world's fastest post-pandemic recoveries, driven by a robust public-private partnership led by the Ministry of Tourism. Initiatives included the establishment of a Tourism Recovery Task Force with six specialized committees; creation of a Resilient Corridor which safely hosted 800,000 visitors without major transmission events and providing a model for international application; development of internationally certified health and safety protocols; free online training for 8,000 displaced workers through JCTI and aggressive re-engagement of airlines, cruise partners and investors.

A strong post-pandemic recovery delivered visitor arrivals totalling 4.15 million in 2023, representing a 24% increase over 2022, and earnings reached US\$4.27 billion. Cruise tourism also rebounded strongly post-pandemic, with Jamaica receiving over 1.26 million cruise passengers in 2023, representing a 48.3% increase from the previous year.

2. Launch of the Tourism Workers Pension Scheme (TWPS)

In January 2022, the TWPS was launched, providing a critical social security net for all tourism workers aged 18 to 59, seeded with J\$1 billion by the government and now boasting \$4 billion in contributions and 10,000 members, which offers unprecedented protection for the families of tourism workers.



3. Established the Jamaica Centre of Tourism Innovation (JCTI) and the Tourism Entertainment Academy

The Institute has trained and certified thousands of workers in the hospitality and tourism sectors. It offers Hospitality and Tourism Management Programs in over 30 high schools, in partnership with the American Hospitality Leisure and Entertainment Institute, HEART/ NSTA, and UWI. Additionally, it introduced the CHIA Program for hotel analytics. The Academy at the Montego Bay Convention Center was established through a \$50 million project, aimed at enhancing the integration of high-quality Jamaican entertainment with tourism. It serves as both an attraction and a training facility for creatives.

4. Worker and Community Housing Support

TEF allocated five hundred million dollars (J\$500,000,000.00) for worker housing under the HOPE program. It has initiated collaborations with the NHT to provide affordable housing near resort hubs and has negotiated with additional resorts to offer housing for workers. This initiative aims to enhance worker mobility, improve living standards, and promote more orderly development in resort areas, creating win-win solutions for all involved.

5. Strategic Air Connectivity Expansion

Significant increases in airlift were secured, including historic connections such as American Airlines' nonstop service from Miami to Ian Fleming International Airport, and LATAM's resumption of direct flights connecting Montego Bay to South America, as well as World 2 Fly (Lisbon), United Airlines (Denver), Avelo (Hartford), and BahamasAir.



6. Tourism Linkages Network and Agri-Linkages Exchange (ALEX)

We implemented **the Linkages Council** and the game-changing **ALEX platform** to find ways to have more tourism dollars reach more local farmers. The platform strengthened local economic connections by linking 2,000 small farmers directly with hotels and generated billions of dollars in sales. Additionally, the Tourism Linkages Network was expanded by creating five sub-networks: Gastronomy, Health & Wellness, Sports and Entertainment, Shopping, and Knowledge. These initiatives have fostered deeper integration and provided broader local benefits from tourism. As a result of increased local linkages and reduced leakages, Jamaica improved its tourism dollar retention from 30% to 40.8%, significantly exceeding the regional average of 10–30%.

7. Historic Resort Investment Surge

Over US\$3B invested or to be invested, including: H10 Ocean Coral Spring and Eden Bay (1,000+ rooms); RIU Aquarelle (753 rooms); Princess Grand and Senses (1,005 rooms); Sandals Dunn's River (260 rooms); Unico and Hard Rock (1,000+ rooms); Moon Palace, St. James; Grand Palladium expansion; Bahia Principe mega-expansion; Harmony Cove; Royalton, St. Ann; mixed use development in Westmoreland; and more with a goal of 20,000 rooms over the next 10–15 years.

8. Community Tourism Enhancement

Over J\$300 million was committed to developing authentic tourism experiences in 63 communities, significantly diversifying Jamaica's tourism product. Further diversification of the sector took place through an MOU signed with Airbnb in 2016, leading to formal sector inclusion. In 2024, Airbnb hosts in Jamaica earned \$32 billion, powering local entrepreneurship.

9. Tourism Innovation Incubator

A \$100 million-funded programme was launched in 2022 to support new entrepreneurs and start-ups within the sector, stimulating innovation and promoting greater industry involvement. Applications grew by 550% in 2025, indicating high youth engagement.

10. Establishment of Global Tourism Resilience Day

Jamaica successfully led the proposal for Global Tourism Resilience Day, which was officially declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2023 and is being observed annually on February 17. The Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC) was established at the UWI, Mona and expanded globally with satellite centres, significantly influencing international tourism resilience policy and practice.

11. The Spruce-Up Jamaica Programme revitalized small tourism-related infrastructure across the entire island. It delivered dozens of community beautification, cultural enhancement, and heritage projects; created temporary jobs and empowered young people, local artisans, and entrepreneurs; and strengthened the appeal of rural and community-based tourism while fostering pride in public spaces.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & MINING

1. Unprecedented Rehabilitation of Farm Roads

We upgraded and rehabilitated 700 farm roads, many more than any previous government, under the National Farm Road Rehabilitation Programme, increasing ease and access for farmers to get the fruits of their labour to market.

2. More Young People and Women than Ever in Agriculture

The Ministry encouraged more young people, including women, to start farming / agro-processing and trained over 8,000 young Jamaicans through the Youth in Agriculture Programme. We supported these new small farmers by providing them with access to land through subsidized lease facilities, as well as fertilizer, seed inputs, and new technologies.

3. Increased Support Leading to Domestic Crop Boost

The country achieved the highest levels of domestic crop production in over a decade, which has reduced our dependence on imports and strengthened national food security. This success is a result of our modernization program and \$4.5 billion in direct support to farmers through the Production and Productivity Programme. Additionally, there has been increased funding for farmers through the Agricultural Credit Board and DBJ, which have provided \$4 billion in low-interest loans and grants to farmers and agro-processors over the past four years.



4. Modernizing Agriculture In Every Way

We have modernized the sector through new technology, additional training, increased extension officers, and the removal of GCT on the importation of live horses, goats, sheep, and pigs to improve breeding stock, as well as the removal of GCT for goods, including fencing, cooling and storage tanks. The massive investment made in Bodles Research Center through its re-development programme with new laboratories, greenhouses, seed technology certification center, fertilizer distribution, irrigation, new piggery and more, have also contributed to innovation and production.

5. Prioritizing Irrigation

Significant irrigation improvements at Parnassus, Essex Valley, and Pedro Plains will bring water to thousands of acres of farmland, transforming productivity for many more thousands of farmers and their families, with more upgrades to come.

6. Most Action Taken Against Praedial Larceny

We cracked down on praedial larceny and implemented more substantial penalties under the law. Additionally, we established and trained new Agriculture Wardens, assigned new vehicles to the JCF to support farmers, and created a new Agriculture Protection Branch within the JCF.

7. Enhancements in Fisheries Management and Support Programs

The Ministry established a new National Fisheries Authority, enhancing fisheries management and infrastructure, including the rehabilitation of fishing beaches. The first-ever Fisheries Incentive Programme was implemented to assist fishers in retooling, alongside the launch of the IrieFINS platform, which facilitates easy registration for fishers and fish farmers. Additionally, 20 boats, 41 engines, and 300 life jackets were distributed, and over 300 fishers were trained in safety at sea. Training in fishing further out at sea (pelagic fishing) has also been undertaken to widen prospects for bringing different types of fish to market.

8. First ever Focus on Well-being of Farmers and Fishers

We proudly launched the inaugural Group Health and Life Insurance programme specifically designed for farmers and fishers, in collaboration with the private sector. This groundbreaking initiative aims to provide essential coverage and financial security to those working in these vital industries. To date, more than 3,500 individuals have enrolled in the programme, demonstrating a strong interest and commitment to improving their overall well-being and safeguarding their families' futures.

9. New Dairy Equipment Lease Programme and More Equipment Assistance Through RADA

We removed more barriers to our small farmers' success. RADA acquired 13 tractors and 5 backhoes to support small farmers and this was added to the over 30 types of dairy equipment available for lease. This kind of assistance ensures that small farmers have greater access to the equipment they need to prepare their land, work their dairy farms, and maximize output, although they might not have been able to afford the capital cost of purchasing equipment themselves.

10. Diversification of the Sector

Significant support was provided to expand from monocropping to orchard crops and spices, along with a new state-of-the-art Tilapia hatchery and an Alternative Livelihood Programme focused on Sea Moss and Oyster farming. We also established the first Prawn Hatchery to revive Jamaica's prawn industry.

11. Increased Accountability and Community Benefits from Mining

We developed the Mining Matters App to allow citizens to report breaches by mining companies and follow up on measures in real time. We also established greenhouse farming clusters to operate the 160 greenhouses constructed on former mined lands.



MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, ENERGY TELECOMMUNICATION & TRANSPORT

1. Bridging the Digital Divide and Expanding Public Access to Technology

Over the past decade, MSETT led Jamaica's most ambitious push for universal digital inclusion. Through the Tablets in Schools (TIS) initiative, more than 200,000 devices, including tablets, laptops, and interactive panels, were distributed to students and educators. This was complemented by the Connect Jamaica Programme, which established free public Wi-Fi in all 63 constituencies and commissioned 35 major hotspots in high-traffic areas. The Ministry also expanded Community Access Points (CAPs) to over 320 locations, transforming these hubs into vital community learning and innovation spaces. Projects like "Own Your Own Device", "Connect a Child", and "Jump Pilot" further strengthened digital equity, particularly for PATH beneficiaries and students in underserved areas.



2. Transforming the Energy Landscape through Renewables and Efficiency

MSETT made remarkable progress in renewable energy deployment and efficiency reforms. By 2024, Jamaica's renewable energy penetration increased from 17.5% to 24%, with major projects such as the 99.83 MW solar award to Wigton Energy and Sunterra marking the largest utility-scale solar tender in the country's history. Energy retrofits under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programme covered more than 80 public sector buildings, including hospitals and schools, resulting in reduced electricity consumption and lower carbon emissions. Additionally, the installation of solar systems in government institutions and schools helped offset national energy costs and demonstrate leadership in green energy solutions.

3. Establishing Science and Innovation as Pillars of National Development

Under MSETT's guidance, Jamaica developed and implemented its first-ever National Science, Technology, and Innovation (ST&I) Policy, which was approved by Parliament in 2022. The country also became the first among small-island developing states to map its national innovation ecosystem using UNESCO's GO-SPIN methodology. Investments through the Scientific Research Council enabled the development of over 400 MSME products and 250 nutrition panels, advancing local innovation and commercialization. These achievements marked a paradigm shift in how Jamaica integrates science into governance and growth.

4. Global Recognition in Nuclear Technology and Safety

Jamaica emerged as a global leader in peaceful nuclear applications. In 2024, the country commissioned a National Gamma Irradiator Facility with support from the IAEA. This advanced infrastructure enables cutting-edge applications, such as the Sterile Insect Technique for disease control and crop mutagenesis, which enhances agricultural resilience. In addition, Jamaica finalized a 20-Year Nuclear Power Roadmap and saw its scientists take key advisory roles within international nuclear bodies. These steps reinforced the country's standing in scientific diplomacy and energy diversification.

5. Advancing Energy Security and Economic Resilience

In a strategic push to strengthen national resilience, MSETT facilitated a US\$90 million fuel agreement with Trinidad and Tobago in 2025, ensuring regional cooperation in energy supply. Petrojam expanded its marine bunkering operations for the first time in over a decade, making Jamaica a regional fuel hub. With over US\$200 million worth of strategic oil reserves, the country is now better prepared to respond to global energy shocks, natural disasters, and geopolitical instability.

6. Revolutionizing Transportation Infrastructure and Services

MSETT has modernized Jamaica's transport network. We are procuring 110 buses to deliver the much-needed National Rural School Bus System for the safe conveyance and improved attendance of our schoolchildren. The Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC) acquired 270 new buses (diesel, electric, and CNG-powered), allowing for route expansion into rural towns such as Negril, May Pen, Linstead, and Morant Bay. A reformed Road Traffic Act was also brought into force in 2023, bringing improvements in safety and regulations. On the aviation front, Donald Sangster and Norman Manley International Airports underwent major upgrades, including runway extensions, the installation of electronic immigration kiosks, and a 52% increase in processing capacity. Furthermore, the runway and facilities at the Boscobel Airport were upgraded, resulting in its certification for international travel. We therefore inaugurated the Ian Fleming International Airport which is now receiving American Airlines flights. These investments have improved reliability, efficiency, and global competitiveness and widened the scope of potential for growth across the island.

7. Elevating Jamaica's Global Position in Aviation and Maritime Affairs

Jamaica has been repeatedly elected to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council, affirming its global credibility. These roles allowed Jamaica to influence international aviation safety, maritime pollution regulations, and global air navigation standards. Key initiatives included hosting the regional Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS) and launching the National Aviation Safety Plan in 2024.

8. Electrifying Rural Jamaica and Connecting Communities

MSETT facilitated the electrification of thousands of homes through the NESOL programme. Over 3,100 houses were wired, and pole-line extensions were completed in 13 underserved communities. Simultaneously, the National Broadband Network connected close to 958 public institutions ranging from schools, libraries, MDAs, health centres and police stations, enhancing e-service delivery across the island. These developments significantly reduced digital and energy poverty in rural Jamaica.

9. Building Youth Capacity and a Future-Ready Workforce

Youth empowerment was at the core of MSETT's strategy. The Technology Advancement Programme (TAP) trained over 2,000 young people in coding, data science, and ICT fundamentals. Meanwhile, the USF's ICT Clubs and the IGNITE Hub at the University of the West Indies provided hands-on experience with robotics, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. These programmes prepared Jamaica's youth to thrive in the digital economy while supporting national innovation and development.

10. Driving Legislative Reform for a Smarter, Greener Jamaica

MSETT implemented several critical legislative reforms to support Jamaica's transition to a technology-enabled and environmentally resilient economy. These included the Electricity (Net Wheeling) Regulations (2025), Electricity (Net Billing) Regulations (2022), the Information and Communications Technology Authority Act (2019), and successive Road Traffic amendments. The establishment of the Government Electrical Regulator (GER) further professionalized and digitized the electrical industry, while new policies phased out incandescent lighting and promoted energy efficiency standards.



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

1. Transformation of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)

The JCF has undergone significant modernization, becoming a more capable, accountable, and professional police force that has been critical to the over 40% reduction in murders. Key advancements include ISO 9001 certification, expansion of the force to 14,000 officers, and the digitization of operations through the Station Records Management System (SMS). Infrastructure has been enhanced through Project R.O.C., resulting in the renovation of 150 police stations, and the construction of 9 new police stations, with six more in procurement. The police fleet was modernized with fit-for-purpose vehicles, and the JCF's telecommunications network was expanded to provide resilient, island-wide coverage. Additionally, the Criminal Records Office was revamped to streamline and digitize record processing, improving public service delivery.

2. Modernization of Passport, Immigration, and Citizenship Services (PICA)

PICA introduced several digital innovations aimed at improving border security and public convenience. These initiatives include the implementation of e-Gates and automated immigration kiosks, the launch of e-passports, and ongoing efforts to establish a legislative framework for Passenger Name Record (PNR) data, positioning Jamaica as a regional leader in travel document security and immigration efficiency.

3. Advancements in Forensic Science and Legal Medicine

The Institute of Forensic Science and Legal Medicine (IFSLM) has strengthened its investigative capabilities through the construction of a state-of-the-art forensic autopsy suite, the integration of DNA analysis into routine police investigations, and the comprehensive marking and digital storage of firearm data to support ballistic intelligence.

4. Implementation of the Ticket Information Management System (TIMS)

The TIMS modernized traffic enforcement by creating a real-time, centralized digital system for managing traffic tickets. Over 6,000 rugged handheld ticketing devices are now in use by the police to better enforce adherence to the road code, ensuring safer and more orderly roads. This also enhances accountability, data accuracy, and coordination among the police, courts, and tax authorities.



5. Comprehensive Legislative and Policy Framework for Security Reform

The Ministry championed the passage of key legislation to strengthen Jamaica's legal framework for public safety and organized crime suppression. This includes the Zones of Special Operations Act (passed 2017, amended 2023), the MOCA Act (2018), the Firearms Act (2022), amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Act, and several anti-human trafficking and correctional reforms. Additionally, strategic policy developments such as the Public Officials Protection System Policy, Visa Policy, and National Correctional Services Policy were introduced to modernize institutional practices. The latter will result in significant changes to the Corrections Act. Improvements to the correctional system in Jamaica have already begun under new leadership, with the introduction of new management systems and a greater focus on rehabilitation, mental well-being, and training to facilitate improved reintegration on release after time served.

6. Community-Based Crime Prevention Initiatives

The Ministry expanded social crime prevention efforts through the Inter-Ministerial School Support Strategy, Child and Adolescent Wellness Centres, and the implementation of a national Case Management System to monitor and intervene in the lives of at-risk youth. These efforts support a proactive, data-driven approach to public safety.

7. Strengthening Correctional Services through Digital Transformation

The Department of Correctional Services implemented a Corrections Management System to modernize offender tracking, institutional management, and rehabilitation oversight, thereby improving operational efficiency and public safety outcomes.



8. Enhanced Ballistics and Firearm Regulation

The Firearm Licensing Authority acquired BulletTrax Marking Machines to enhance ballistic tracing and enforcement. This system records the unique markings of legally owned firearms, aiding in forensic investigations and deterring the misuse of licensed weapons. This has also assisted in tracing guns used in multiple murders and other offences.

9. Professionalization of the Private Security Sector

The Private Security Regulations Authority (PSRA) attained ISO 9001:2015 certification, elevating service standards and regulatory oversight in the growing private security industry. This milestone supports the Ministry's goal of integrating private security more effectively into national safety strategies.

10. Launch and Coordination of the Citizen Security Plan (CSP)

The CSP represents a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach to reducing crime and enhancing community safety. It includes the establishment of the Citizen Security Secretariat (CSS) and the Citizen Security Business Group (CSBG), fostering collaboration among state agencies, the private sector, and community actors. The CSP supports violence interruption, economic opportunity, and social transformation in vulnerable communities.



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

1. Bringing Justice to Those Most in Need of Legal Assistance

We expanded Legal Aid Clinics across rural parishes and introduced Mobile Legal units to bring legal advice and services to underserved communities. Mobile Legal Units have been a great game changer in bringing guidance and information to people who need it most, particularly those who face challenges in seeking justice. We provided legal aid support to 40% more persons since 2016 – this is real access to justice.

2. \$4B Invested to Renovate, Refurbish and Build New Courts

The Family Courts in St. Ann, Clarendon, Manchester, and Trelawny have been renovated. Additionally, the Court of Appeal has undergone a refurbishment, and repairs have been made to the Criminal Division in the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Court. The courts in Linstead and Balaclava are excellent examples of the impressive infrastructure program aimed at upgrading existing facilities and constructing new ones.

3. Increased Use of Technology in Courts

More equipment and broadband connectivity were introduced, together with increased use of ICT, including case tracking and recording technology to speed up cases and produce court records more quickly, as well as the capacity to allow remote evidence so that witnesses in sensitive cases feel safe and witnesses overseas do not have to travel.

4. New Parish Justice Centers

Five new Justice Centers opened in Hanover, Manchester, St. Elizabeth and Portland, and more were upgraded in Trelawny, St. Andrew, St. Mary, Westmoreland and St James. Justice Centers offer free mediation, restorative justice, child diversion and victim services such as counselling. We also established the Ministry's Social Justice Division to coordinate the implementation and delivery of these services: mediation, restorative justice, and victim services, which are free to the public in need, but cost approximately \$3.7 billion annually.



5. Innovative Child Diversion Programme

Fostering a better way for young people through new Child Diversion Laws and Diversion Committees to keep them out of conflict with the law and deter them from a life of crime—thousands of lives changed within families and communities through counselling and mentoring of boys and girls and their families. More than 30,000 persons sensitized to the programme, and more than 2,300 young people diverted from the courts and a life of crime.

6. More Judges at Every Level

Increased the number of Judges at every level to deliver justice at a greater speed for all Jamaicans across all types of cases. Since 2016, we have doubled the number of Judges in the Court of Appeal from 7 to 13, almost tripled the number of Masters in Chambers from 3 to 8, increased the number of Supreme Court Judges from 32 to 42 and Parish Court Judges from 50 to 78. This has significantly contributed to the reduction of backlogs and more effective delivery of justice.

7. Backlog Cleared in 2 of 3 Court Levels

Parish Courts and Appeal Courts are now backlog-free, while significant progress has been made at the Supreme Court. We have been focused on creating a first-class Justice system and, therefore, undertook detailed work measuring processes, generating new data and analysis, improving management, and planning and improving processes generally.



8. More Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace

As we are committed to serving Jamaicans in the broadest sense, we have more than doubled the number of Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace appointed, and we have trained them through enhanced programming, ensuring better service is available to communities. We also amended the relevant legislation to improve its effectiveness in providing services to the public and to increase accountability.

9. Greater attention to Second Chances

We facilitated a second chance for more than 7,200 Jamaicans to lead better lives and access new opportunities by expunging their criminal records. We have also initiated a review of the relevant laws to explore possibilities for delivering grace more widely.

9. New Approach to Social Justice

We created a new Social Justice Division at the Ministry to coordinate mediation, restorative justice and victim support services. Almost 128,000 counselling sessions have been provided to help nearly 8,000 children and 5,000 adults.

10. More Effective Administration of Estates

Over the last 10 years, the Administrator-General's Department disbursed \$5.9 billion of estate funds to beneficiaries to cover estate-related debts. This has helped many families to settle their arrangements after having lost their loved ones. We encourage Jamaicans to make wills!



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

1. COVID-19 Pandemic Response and System Strengthening

This was the Ministry's most visible and impactful intervention. It spurred rapid investments in laboratory capacity, surveillance systems, hospital infrastructure, and vaccine delivery. Notably, over J\$26 billion was invested between 2020 and 2022, and more than 1.3 million vaccine doses were administered. The introduction of a COVID-19 Vulnerability Index, training of over 2,000 healthcare providers, and real-time genomic sequencing demonstrated an unprecedented scale of public health response.

2. Expansion of Diagnostic and Laboratory Services

Through targeted investment and public-private partnerships, the Ministry significantly improved access to diagnostic services and reduced wait times. Simultaneously, national labs were equipped with state-of-the-art PCR machines, new mammography units, and genomic surveillance capabilities, fundamentally transforming diagnostic coverage across Jamaica. In 2024, we conducted over 10 million lab tests, and 703,000 diagnostic tests! Real improvements and real delivery of more health services to people.

3. Modernization of Health Infrastructure

More than J\$9 billion was invested in infrastructure upgrades, including major hospital refurbishments and the construction of High Dependency Units (HDUs) under PROMAC. The expansion of oxygen generation plants and introduction of electronic health records at 13 facilities marked a shift toward safer, more resilient health systems.



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4. Non-Communicable Disease Management and Health Promotion

“Jamaica Moves” and “Know Your Numbers” campaigns elevated public health education. Jamaica Moves engaged over 300,000 Jamaicans and 200 employers, making it a global model for NCD prevention. Public-private partnerships to provide free care for chronic illness also reduced service pressure and waiting times.

5. Maternal and Child Health Expansion (PROMAC + EPI)

The Programme for the Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality (PROMAC) combined with improvements in neonatal care and midwifery training, resulted in the certification of 8 baby-friendly hospitals and the training of over 1,800 health professionals. Immunization rates also surged, with Jamaica winning the Henry C. Smith Award in 2024 for immunization coverage.

6. Expanded Access to Medicines via NHF and Drug Serv

The expansion of the NHFCard Programme and Drug Serv increased prescription fulfillment from 1 million in 2016 to over 3 million now. More than 350,000 individuals are covered under the NHF Card, and J\$9.1 billion in subsidies was distributed in 2024. NHF also began covering more conditions, including moving from 2 cancers to 5, and introducing screening subsidies for early detection of breast cancer and prostate cancer.

7. HIV/STI/TB Management and EMTCT Certification

The Ministry achieved a milestone in 2024 with the WHO certification for the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis. This effort reflects a sustained investment in maternal services, access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), and clinic integration, demonstrating Jamaica's leadership in public health outcomes.

8. Policy and Legislative Advancements

The development of frameworks such as the Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy, amendments to the Food and Drugs Act, and legislation for the expanded roles of nurses and pharmacists show a maturing governance framework. These laws lay the foundation for future institutional strengthening and reflect Jamaica's alignment with global health standards.

9. Strengthening of the Health Workforce

With the creation of over 3,000 medical and nursing posts, training of more than 3,000 nurses, and the introduction of the J\$2.5 billion Dr. Barry Wint Memorial Scholarship programme, the Ministry has made substantial strides in building a future-ready workforce, awarding over 500 scholarships to individuals within the health sector to pursue studies or specialist training. Strategic bilateral partnerships concluded with India, the UK, and the Philippines will help to mitigate local shortages.

10. Mental Health Reform and Public Engagement

The “Speak Up, Speak Now” and “Do Your Share” campaigns, along with national hotlines, wellness benches, and mobile mental health units, demonstrate an inclusive, multi-generational approach to wellness. These initiatives have mainstreamed mental health and expanded outreach into underserved communities. Together with the 888-NEW-LIFE hotline and the introduction of the school outreach programme, significant progress is being made in reducing stigma and promoting health-seeking behaviours.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SKILLS, YOUTH, AND INFORMATION

1. Educational Resilience that Left No Child Behind

The Ministry overcame massive disruptions due to COVID-19 and natural disasters, responded swiftly, rebuilt efficiently, and, although some learning loss was unavoidable, ensured that no student was left behind. After Beryl hit in July 2024, we mobilized urgently. Despite 364 schools being affected at an estimated cost of \$4 billion, all were repaired or renovated by the start of the academic year, ensuring NO student was displaced. This is resilience that your government has built in action for you and your family.

2. Unprecedented Investment in Schools

We have been investing in transforming our learning environments – in fact, over \$5 billion has been invested to repair, build and upgrade school infrastructure across the island, creating safer more modern learning environments for all students. This includes more ramps, better fencing, more modern classrooms, sanitary bathroom facilities, improved lighting and more.

3. Connectivity in Schools and Technology in Classrooms

Nearly 700 schools are now connected to the National Broadband Network, providing students and teachers with fast, stable, and free internet access. This is how we are closing the digital divide. We are also revolutionizing the learning experience by delivering over 200,000 tablets, laptops, projectors, interactive panels, and assistive devices to equip students from every nook and cranny of Jamaica with tools for digital learning and future-ready skills.

4. A New HEART/NSTA

Over 552,000 Jamaicans have enrolled in free training at HEART/NSTA Trust since 2020. All programmes up to Level 4 are now free, and select offerings such as the CARE Programme and the LIFT Programme now include stipends. Skills training has never been more accessible to the Jamaican people.

5. Unlocking Potential through Scholarships

The Ministry has facilitated a total of 3,522 scholarships and grants for our exceptional students, providing them with invaluable opportunities to pursue higher education and forge a path toward a more promising future. These financial awards empower our recipients to explore diverse fields of study, engage with innovative ideas, and expand their horizons. Through these scholarships, we are fostering a community of passionate learners who are equipped to make significant contributions to society.

6. Support for Special Needs Students

We have increased the number of shadows and classroom assistants to 759, and also provided a 50% salary increase to attract more persons to this field. Every child, regardless of ability, deserves the support to thrive. We created the first-ever Therapeutic Centre, not only providing specialized therapeutic care for children in state care and young persons in conflict with the law, but also offering practical training opportunities. To provide adequate support, we also trained 30 Clinical Social Workers and more than 100 caregivers in Counselling and Conflict Resolution.

7. Feeding Our Future

On taking office in 2016, we increased the provision of lunches, breakfast programmes and snacks to students in need. This year, a record \$8.9 billion has been allocated in 2025/26 for school nutrition, benefiting over 200,000 students. This will include lunch 5 days per week for students on PATH, and breakfast for all students at the 245 schools identified as underperforming. That represents a further increase since 2020, as we believe no child should learn on an empty stomach.



8. Historic Teacher Compensation Increases and Formalized Posts

Teachers and principals received the largest salary increase ever in the last compensation review, plus early retroactive payment of increments from 2022, which began in April 2025. Employment was also formalized for long-serving personnel, including cooks, watchmen and infant caregivers. Through the approval of 5,045 post codes, ensuring stability and recognition for their service.

9. Empowering our Educators

We have increased access to training opportunities for our educators to hone their craft. From ICT device management to modern conflict resolution techniques, thousands of our teachers have been empowered to put their best selves forward confidently.

10. Youth in Governance

We established the National Youth Advisory Council through a series of successful open applications and diverse appointments, giving our young people a voice in policy. We also revitalized the National Youth Parliament, providing opportunities for leadership training, engagement, and growth. The Jamaica House Fellowship Programme has also been introducing young people to public service and policy development at a higher level, to retain their interest in the public service. We have appointed a record number of Jamaicans under 35 to public boards as another pathway for responsible young people to have a voice in the governance of their country. In 2017, we brought back the Prime Minister's Youth Awards and added new categories of Innovation, Science and Technology and Environmental Protection – to incentivize and recognize youth participation in areas critical for the national growth agenda.

11. Education Transformation Underway

We are implementing the most significant overhaul of Jamaica's education system since independence. 30% of the Patterson Commission's recommendations have been completed since 2023, ushering in a new era of technology integration, stronger governance, and increased teacher support across all levels of the system.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORT

1. Unprecedented Focus on Sports Development

The Ministry has invested over \$4.66 billion in Sport Infrastructure and Development. This investment led to our world-renowned facilities being upgraded to international standards, boosting revenue and national competitive pride, starting with an iconic world-certified black, green, and gold track in the National Stadium, as well as new lights and a scoreboard in Sabina Park. Additionally, a further \$2 billion was invested into national associations and special projects across schools and communities – benefiting tens of thousands of individuals through the provision of multi-purpose courts, field/tracks, and wider high school sports infrastructure improvement, dormitories, complexes, lighting and fencing – all with the aim of talent development, enhancing athlete welfare, funding track meets and modernizing national operations.

2. Unprecedented Focus on Welfare of Athletes

The Jamaica Athletes Insurance Plan (JAIP) was created and subsequently expanded to include additional offerings, which now cover 1,900 athletes with medical and mental health/counselling services. The securing of these benefits in the interests of the health, well-being, and sustenance of our athletes resulted in over \$130 million being paid out.



Jamaica also became a global leader in clean sports through JADCO, with the establishment of a new facility, ISO 9001 certification, and the Caribbean's first Doping Control Mobile Unit. Ensuring clean sports in the interest of athletes and the reputation of Jamaican sports as a whole was vigorously pursued, with testing targets being met and exceeded. Anti-doping education programmes were developed and disseminated widely in schools and online.

3. New Support for Grassroots Youth Sports Development

Over \$122 million was allocated to Youth Sports Development. The impact was massive. 13,000 young athletes benefitted from this program. The program also saw over 500 coaches being certified, which will result in a greater transfer of knowledge and better development of athletes.

4. New Game-changing Support for Wellbeing of Creatives

Jamaica is internationally recognized as a center for entertainment and creative inspiration, with elements of its culture evident in nearly every corner of the globe. In response to this, the government has implemented the Jamaica Entertainers and Creatives Insurance Plan (JECIP) in partnership with Guardian Life Limited, aiming to safeguard our creative professionals from any external challenges. To date, over 4,400 individuals in this sector have enrolled in the program.

5. Embarking on New Entertainment Zone Implementation

The Ministry has recognized the vital importance of entertainment in Jamaican society and the need to facilitate wider access to different types of entertainment. This industry allows many Jamaicans to provide for themselves and their families while also promoting work-life balance by having a space for people to socialize. This has caused the government to create entertainment zones, giving patrons and business owners the peace of mind to have fun and earn. Jamworld and Fort Rocky stand as proof of the government's commitment to the industry. Environmental studies and decibel mapping have been completed to support the establishment of zones, significantly advancing the project and laying the foundation for the next phase of work.

6. Unprecedented Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Protection from Sexual Harrassment

The Ministry has intensified its support for victims of gender-based violence through the National Shelter Unit, which offers safe housing and a range of comprehensive services. Under the Spotlight Initiative, the first-ever government-run GBV shelter was established, and two more were added, providing full support and space for children. A 24/7 helpline was also established, further enhancing the delivery of coordinated, high-quality services to survivors. The legislative framework has also been strengthened with the enactment of the Sexual Harassment Act, and the swearing in of the requisite Tribunal to hear issues brought under the Act.

The significant strengthening of the Domestic Violence Act was another important legislative step, which has increased penalties and expanded support for survivors of domestic violence.

7. Male Empowerment

In pursuit of our belief in a balanced society in which all share in empowerment and prosperity, the Ministry has undertaken several programmes to highlight the achievements and contributions of men and fathers, including the observance of International Men's Day and the recognition of fathers through the Outstanding Fathers Award. The Ministry also focused on initiatives that provided mental and financial support to young men who were entering fatherhood, including the Daddy Day Care Series and programmes for teen fathers in particular.

8. New and Innovative Efforts to Institutionalize Political Cooperation of Women on Women's Issues

Through partnership with the Canadian government and ParlAmericas, we established in 2023, the Bicameral Caucus of Women Parliamentarians. It aims to advance gender equality in parliamentary processes by promoting women's representation, fostering cross-party dialogue among women parliamentarians, and supporting leadership development for gender-responsive legislative participation.

9. Secured Highest-ever Levels of International Support and Recognition of Jamaican Culture

Jamaica has secured and is in the process of securing further critical and prestigious UNESCO recognitions; Port Royal has been declared a World Heritage Site, and the Pilgrimage to Watt Town was added to the Intangible Heritage of Humanity list in 2024. Reggae music from Jamaica was added to the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list in 2018, and in the same year, Kingston was designated a UNESCO Creative City of Music, highlighting the enduring value of Jamaica's intangible contributions to music.



10. Exonerated National Heroes and Freedom Fighters through the National Heroes and Other Freedom Fighters (Absolution from Criminal Liability in Respect of Specified Acts) Act

We passed legislation to clear the colonial criminal records of The Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey; The Right Excellent Samuel “Sam” Sharpe; The Right Excellent George William Gordon and The Right Excellent Paul Bogle together with their supporters, sympathisers and “participants” by association; as well as Chief Tacky. Acts of liberation covered included the events known as the 1760 St. Mary Rebellion; the 1831-1832 Christmas Rebellion; the 1865 Morant Bay Rebellion; and political activism and anti-colonial campaigns led by Marcus Garvey. This legislation, which also included a “catch-all” clause with moral justification as its underpinning, was intended to right these colonial wrongs as a path to healing and positive self-identity, together with the very specific goal of supporting the lobbying efforts in the United States to exonerate Marcus Garvey of his criminal charges there.

11. Revival and Renewal of National Knowledge and Celebration of Jamaican Culture

The Ministry has successfully revitalized its cultural programming to pre-pandemic levels, focusing on discovering, training and showcasing local creative talent. Through the JCDC, signature events such as the Independence Grand Gala, Festival Queen Coronation, and various cultural competitions continue to thrive. Looking ahead, the government plans to strengthen the creative industries further and establish modern facilities to support JCDC's mission of preserving and promoting Jamaica's rich cultural heritage.



12. Support for Coral Gardens Survivors

The Government established a trust fund for the victims and survivors of the Coral Gardens Incident to provide for their health care, educational and economic wellbeing. An interim elder care home has also been established for the survivors, and land in Albion, St. James, has been transferred to the Rastafari Coral Gardens Benevolent Society as a site for the construction of a permanent home for the more elderly of the survivors. Starting with the sum of \$12 million, Government has now contributed over \$100 million to the fund.

13. Economic Support for Cultural and Religious Communities

The Ministry has provided consistent investment in cultural communities such as Dallas Castle Community Development Council, Kemps Hill Indian Cultural Association, Scotts Hall, Charles Town, and Moore Town Maroon communities, including support for festivals in storytelling, poetry, and revival festivals. The Ministry undertook Economic Opportunities Workshops benefiting more than 300 people in various communities, cultural and religious groups including members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church who received certificates, equipment, and grants for successfully completing training in baking theory and practice involving bread and pastries, as well as business development, marketing, budgeting, and entrepreneurship. In the Maroon community of Accompong, an Economic Opportunities Workshop was conducted with 147 residents receiving training in various artisan skills and business development. A total of \$1.2 million was disbursed to 50 persons who applied for grants. In addition, 20 residents were trained as tour guides under the aegis of the Tourism Development Company. A bus was also donated to the Accompong Maroons to transport children to school and cultural performers to events.



MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Transformative Leadership in Jamaica's COVID-19 Response

The Ministry played a pivotal role in Jamaica's COVID-19 response through its stewardship of key agencies, including the Social Development Commission (SDC), Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), and the Board of Supervision. By developing and adapting protocols under the Disaster Risk Management Act, the Ministry guided the country through multiple waves of the pandemic. It also facilitated a safe and strategic return to normalcy, regulating public gatherings, entertainment events, and religious ceremonies from March 2020 to March 2022.

2. Overhaul of Social Protection for the Homeless and Indigent

For the first time, concrete housing units were introduced as standard solutions for indigent care. Complementing this, an expanded network of Drop-In Centres and Night Shelters now provides critical round-the-clock support in parishes such as Trelawny, Portland, Clarendon, and Kingston. This includes access to nutrition, medical care, and recovery services. Infrastructure in Infirmaries has been significantly upgraded, and professional services, such as physiotherapy and psychiatric nursing, are now integrated into resident care. Additionally, over 500 students from low-income families have benefitted from grants and bursaries, ensuring educational mobility and a pathway out of poverty.



3. Creation and Expansion of Water Shops in Drought-Affected Communities

To address water insecurity in rural areas, the Ministry established professionally designed Water Shops beginning in 2017, with the first in Pennants, Clarendon. These facilities now provide thousands of gallons of potable water daily in areas such as Portland, St. Elizabeth, and Manchester, ensuring household dignity, hygiene, and small business continuity during drought conditions.

4. Modernizing the Development Approvals Process to Drive Investment

Since 2016, over 37,000 development applications valued at nearly J\$1.7 trillion have been approved. The approval rate has remained above 84%, demonstrating a commitment to efficiency and investor confidence. These investments have supported national growth in housing, tourism, and entertainment, contributing to over 700,000 jobs in key sectors. While we have more to do to improve processes and timelines, we have also made significant progress in this area.

5. Transformation of the Jamaica Fire Brigade (JFB)

The JFB has undergone significant modernization, backed by more than J\$5 billion in investment. In addition to the repair, renovation and construction of new Fire Stations, this includes the procurement of new fire trucks, boats, ambulances, drones, and the installation of 25 standby generators. The JFB's capacity has also expanded to include emergency medical technician training, water rescue, and nuclear response. Since 2022, the Brigade has recruited an average of 200 new firefighters annually and doubled the staff in its Fire Prevention Department. A J\$500 million life and health insurance package also now supports the well-being of firefighters.

6. Strengthening the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)

Once plagued by underperformance, the NSWMA now demonstrates solid corporate governance and improved garbage collection performance. Since 2016, the government has invested US\$14 million to procure 100 new garbage compactors and increased organizational efficiencies, significantly reducing losses through theft and enhancing waste management capacity across the island.



7. Expansion of the Youth Summer Employment Programme (YSEP)

Launched in 2017, YSEP is now the most extensive youth employment programme in the Caribbean. Over 50,000 young people have participated in data collection and community support projects, with many transitioning into permanent roles within the local government system.

8. Legislative Milestone: Creation of the Parish of Portmore

After decades of discussion, decisive steps were taken to create Jamaica's 15th parish. The Counties and Parishes (Amendment) Act, 2025, was passed by both Houses of Parliament, marking the first addition to the country's parish structure since 1867. Implementation processes such as boundary demarcation are now underway.

9. Enactment of the Building Act, 2019

The Building Act, which took effect in January 2019, modernized Jamaica's construction laws, establishing national building standards, materials regulation, and the legal authority of local councils as Building Authorities. This legislation is crucial in facilitating safe and sustainable development across Jamaica's built environment.

10. Hosting of the 7th Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

In November 2021, Jamaica hosted the United Nations' 7th Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction for the Americas and the Caribbean. Despite pandemic constraints, the Ministry executed a successful hybrid event, showcasing Jamaica's leadership in disaster preparedness. Notably, Jamaica has introduced a Youth Forum to elevate the voices of young people in resilience and risk mitigation strategies across the region.



MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY

1. Major Expansion in Social Pension Support for Senior Citizens

We created the new Social Pension for our elderly over 75 who were not receiving a pension. Senior citizens then benefited from a 76% increase in their social pension benefit, which rose from J\$6,800 to J\$12,000. This historic adjustment improves the quality of life for some of the nation's most vulnerable and strengthens the social safety net.

2. Upward Adjustment of the National Minimum Wage

We provided the highest-ever national minimum wage increases by an administration, from \$6,200 when we took office in 2016 to \$7,000 in 2018, to \$9,000 in 2022, to \$13,000 in 2023, to \$15,000 in 2024 and \$16,000 in June 2025. These wage reforms are aligned with the government's goal to protect the lowest earners and ensure decent living standards for all workers, while balancing concerns about the cost of living and employment.

3. Record-Low Unemployment Paired with Expanded Social Security Coverage

With unemployment falling to a historic low of 3.3%, the Ministry simultaneously expanded the National Insurance Scheme (NIS), approving 17,800 new NIS benefit applications. This progress strengthens the link between job creation and long-term social protection.



4. Establishment of the Disabilities Rights Tribunal

The Government significantly advanced the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). We brought the Disabilities Act into effect, and in 2023, we established the Disabilities Rights Tribunal (under the Disabilities Act), which has been instrumental as the formal mechanism for receiving complaints and safeguarding the rights of PwDs to education, employment, accessibility, and public services. Persons with Disabilities may either submit a complaint through the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities (JCPD) or complete the formal Complaints Form. The JCPD investigates, consults both parties and determines whether the case will proceed to ADR or be sent directly to the Disabilities Rights Tribunal. The establishment of this Tribunal again makes Jamaica a regional leader, operating at international standards.

5. Expansion of the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities (JCPD) to Meaningfully Work for PwDs

In order to effectively support and advocate on behalf of the approximately 17,130 registered Persons with Disabilities, the JCPD has been established as a body corporate, giving the Council greater power and autonomy in carrying out its mandate. In particular, the Council's staffing has moved from only 8 persons to now employing 72 persons to carry out the critical work of serving PwDs.

6. Launch of the Accessibility Checklist to Create Spaces Accessible to PwDs

To speed up the provision of accessible spaces required by the Disabilities Act, the Government launched an Accessibility Checklist in 2023. The Checklist helps persons to quickly identify and make the necessary infrastructural changes while ensuring that appropriate standards are upheld. The Government also initiated steps to ensure that the Checklist becomes a vital tool in approvals of building plans.



7. Whole-of-Government Support for Persons with Disabilities

The entire Government was mobilised to create an enabling ecosystem for PwDs. Inclusion and participation were boosted with the introduction of Braille on birth certificates and banknotes. Legal aid fairs were held across the island to provide legal advice to PwDs and those who interact with them. Several National Labour Day efforts were focused on improving access to schools and communities for Persons with Disabilities and Seniors. The New Social Housing Programme prioritised building homes for vulnerable Jamaicans, particularly those with disabilities, and the National Housing Trust (NHT) provided grants of \$300,000 to Persons with Disabilities or their caregivers for retrofitting their homes for greater access.

8. Launch of the "I Am Able" Campaign to Promote Disability Inclusion

The "I Am Able" campaign was launched to promote inclusion, combat stigma, and raise national awareness around the capabilities and rights of persons with disabilities. The campaign underscores Jamaica's commitment to the full participation of all citizens in economic and social life.

9. Prosthetic Access through "New Life, New Limb" Programme

The Ministry allocated J\$53.5 million to the New Life, New Limb Programme, which delivered prosthetic limbs to 158 individuals with disabilities. This initiative, undertaken in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness, significantly improved mobility, autonomy and quality of life for participants, advancing the government's commitment to inclusivity.

10. Modernization of Social Protection Systems through SPIRO Project

The J\$20 million Social Protection for Increased Resilience and Opportunity (SPIRO) Project was launched to modernize Jamaica's social protection framework. This includes strengthening the social registry, digitizing labour market information systems, and increasing institutional resilience to future shocks.

11. Widespread Access to Employment through Job Fairs

The Ministry held 50 job fairs nationwide, successfully connecting over 8,000 individuals with prospective employers. These fairs provided a vital link between job seekers and the labour market, particularly for young people and vulnerable populations.

12. Comprehensive Review and Reform of the PATH Programme

A full-scale review of the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) is underway. The goal is to address design inefficiencies and improve programme delivery to better serve families in need, ensuring greater transparency and accountability.

13. Automation of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS)

In a major administrative upgrade, the Ministry is automating the NIS to streamline the distribution of benefits and improve the issuance and verification of life certificates. This digitization is expected to reduce delays and increase efficiency in benefit payments.

14. Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Long-Term Resilience

Beyond individual programmes, the Ministry has strengthened its institutional framework by integrating social protection and labour market services, improving data systems, and aligning policy frameworks with Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.



MINISTRY OF OF LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Establishment and Operationalisation of the Ministry

The Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs was established in 2022 to take charge of and give focused attention to the government's legislative agenda and its legal and constitutional reform aspirations. It has been successfully operationalised with corporate headquarters and recruitment of staff to effectively operate as a central body that provides strategic legal oversight and support across all of government.

2. Jamaica Legal Information Portal (JLIP)

The Ministry is proud to have developed and launched the JLIP as Jamaica's first central legal repository, providing free access to our laws, including Acts of Parliament, Regulations, Gazettes, court judgments, and more. JLIP aims to make legal information more accessible to everyone (the public, members of the legal and judicial professions, as well as researchers) to increase knowledge of and compliance with our laws, thereby helping to improve public order and public accountability. JLIP includes an AI-powered chatbot to assist and help guide users.

3. Leadership in Legal Governance and Legislative Drafting

The Ministry has made significant strides in refining its approach to legislative policy formulation and review. This includes the establishment of comprehensive guidelines for drafting new legislation, ensuring that all legislative proposals align with current legal standards and best practices. Furthermore, the Ministry has been actively engaged in creating various legislative instruments that address pressing societal issues and promote legal clarity. In addition, there has been a concerted effort to bolster the Ministry's legal oversight capabilities, enabling it to effectively monitor compliance and enforce regulations, thereby ensuring the integrity and robustness of the legal framework.



4. Strategic Planning Excellence Award (2024)

The Ministry received top recognition across the public sector with a first-place award for Excellence in Strategic and Operational Planning, validating its approach to ensuring that desired outcomes are achieved in the best interest of the Jamaican people.

5. Advancement of Constitutional Reform: Launch of the "Road to Republic"

a) Education and Engagement Campaign to increase public awareness of constitutional reform. This initiative leverages traditional and digital media, civic outreach, and convenes public fora to promote citizen's understanding of proposed changes to the Constitution of Jamaica. To date, over 12,000 people in over 100 entities across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), the private sector, civil society, churches, schools and communities have been engaged.

b) Completion and tabling of the Report of the Constitutional Reform Committee on The Transition to the Republic of Jamaica and Other Matters, as Ministry Paper No. 24/2024, with a suite of recommendations for implementation.

c) Enactment of the Constitution (Amendment of Section 61) Act, 2024 to provide for new words of enactment for all laws passed by the Parliament of Jamaica (including those to be approved by the people, where required) as the first legislative step in the move to abolish the Monarchy.

d) Historic tabling in the House of Representatives, of the Constitution (Amendment) (Republic) Bill, 2024 to place the Constitution of Jamaica in proper form and abolish the monarchy; and the establishment of a Joint Select Committee to review the Bill, honouring a commitment to transparent and inclusive reform.



6. Public Legal Education and National Stakeholder Engagement

A robust public legal education programme on the Constitution and Laws of Jamaica was implemented through intra-government training and sensitisation to better enable public servants to perform their functions.

7. Modernisation of the Legal Framework for Bail

A new Bail Act was passed in 2023, in conformity with the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms set out in Chapter III of the Constitution of Jamaica. This Act, among other things, introduced a new pre-charge bail regime to address longstanding concerns about the grant or denial of bail in certain difficult circumstances.

8. Inter-School Human Rights Debating Competition

The Ministry introduced Jamaica's first Human Rights Debating Competition in 2024, which is scheduled to be held annually around International Human Rights Day (December 10). The competition aims to increase awareness among young people in high schools of their rights and responsibilities under the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms. The debate format enables competing views to be expressed and allows better views to prevail, thereby fostering a deeper understanding of different perspectives.



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