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THE NEXT CHAPTER

100 HIGHLIGHTS



My Jamaican Family,

Nine years ago, Jamaica faced enormous challenges. Debt was high, jobs were scarce, public services were under strain, and national confidence was low. Many believed that the country could not change course. Today, however, Jamaica is stronger, safer, more stable, and more filled with promise. This has not happened by chance but as the result of disciplined, careful choices and strategic management. We have shown that with the right leadership, transformation is not only possible, it is happening!

As your Prime Minister since 2016, I take pride in how far we have come together. Crime is down, the economy is stronger, debt is lower, and more Jamaicans are working than ever before. Poverty has been reduced to the lowest level in decades. Communities across the island have seen new roads, water systems, buses, schools, and housing. Healthcare and education are undergoing real change. Even through the most devastating global crises in our independent history, Jamaica has remained stable.

But we know our work is not finished. There are more people to reach, more communities to uplift, and more opportunities to create. Be assured, however, that we are committed to getting it done for you.

Now, we stand at a critical crossroads. In the life of every nation, there are rare moments – golden windows of opportunity that do not come again, or at least not in generations. Because of our disciplined and strategic management over the past decade, Jamaica has such a window before it. The choices we make in this moment will decide whether we step through and continue Jamaica's steady rise, or whether we risk it all on uncertain and untested hands.

As we shape the next chapter of our nation's future, Jamaica requires leadership that is dependable, decisive, and caring. Leadership that not only listens, but knows how



to engage you, to solve your problems, and to navigate global challenges with strength and vision. We have confronted and overcome decades of corruption and inefficiency, fixed broken systems, and laid the foundation for generations to come. Together, we can build a Jamaica that is more productive, more inclusive, and more united.

The Jamaica Labour Party is, and always will be, here for you. We are the party that chooses Jamaica at every turn, that does more for you, and that stands with every citizen. We are the party you can depend on to tell the truth, to be strong in difficult times, and to care for all Jamaicans with fairness and love of country.

My Message to the Undecided

To those of you who are undecided, I deeply respect the care you are taking with this decision. Choosing who should lead Jamaica is not about following the crowd; it is about thinking for yourself and deciding what is truly best for our country; it is about who can deliver – on jobs, on crime reduction, on stability and on opportunity.

The choice before you may be put this way: Do we continue to build on the tremendous progress we have made, or do we risk it all by handing the country over to those who have not proven that they can deliver? Some may say, “let us give someone else a chance.” But government is not a game of chance. The future of Jamaica should not be gambled with.

Turning back now would put jobs, security, and stability at risk. The stakes are too high. This golden window of opportunity – where our economy is strong, our democracy is resilient and our people are rising, should not be wasted. Who knows when or if it will come again? Furthermore, your vote for performance will strengthen democracy and send a clear message to future governments that they will be judged on achievements, not on promises and rhetoric.

This election is about Jamaica’s future – your family’s future, your children’s future, the future of the land we all love. I ask you to weigh the record, look at the progress, look at our plans, and think carefully about who is best prepared to do more for you and Jamaica.

On Election Day, choose proven leadership. Choose a future of stability and opportunity. Choose Jamaica.

**Together, we will continue
Doing More for You.**

**May God Bless Jamaica
Land We Love.**

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1 An Efficiency Programme Oversight Committee to Cut Red Tape

We will introduce a new team of stakeholders, led by the Minister responsible for efficiency and innovation, to identify priority areas for removal of unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape that hamper access to public services and ease of doing business in Jamaica. We will also establish a portal for the public to suggest areas for actionable improvement with prizes for the most impactful suggestions that are implemented, making sure that you are a part of the process.

2 One-Stop Online Event Permit Process

Planning an event should be smooth, not stressful. We will cut out the red tape and put event permits in the palm of your hand. Streamlined, time-bound processes with rules that provide greater transparency and predictability will completely change the current experience. Here's how you'll get there:

▶▶ 24/7 Permit Portal & App

Apply, pay, and download every permit from one login, at any hour. No more five offices, five lines, or taking a day off work – file at midnight if that works for you.

▶▶ Standard Rules Across Parishes

Standardised forms, fees, and timelines island-wide. Whether your event is in Hanover or Portland, there will be one basic checklist that gives peace of mind.

▶▶ Instant Cost Calculator

You'll know what your bill should be up front. Type in your crowd size and venue, and budget your gospel concert or street dance with no surprise fees at the end.



Smart QR Permits

Every permit will have a QR code that law enforcement can scan at the gate—providing quick verification and avoiding confusion.

3 One-Stop Portal for Builders and Developers

Expanding, upgrading, and modernising the AMANDA system to provide a dedicated portal for all levels of building and development approvals. It will integrate the Jamaica Developers Application Portal, NEPA, and municipal government approval processes to cut approval times and the number of copies required and to ensure more efficient time management overall.

4 Flexi-Work for Family and Productivity

We will develop a modernised flexi-work framework to better support parents and families juggling work and caregiving. Flexible schedules will ease emotional and financial pressure. By embracing compassionate policies that support caregivers, we will build a more balanced, productive, and humane society.



5 Central Online Traffic Court Scheduling Portal

For those who wish to contest a ticket, we will introduce a central online court scheduling portal. Motorists will have 14 days to choose their court date based on availability, thereby cutting wait times and ending the chaos of overcrowded courtrooms.

6 Fair, Phased, and Disciplined Tax Reform

►► Keeping More Pay in Your Pocket

We have a clear long-term vision for Jamaica's tax system: to steadily reduce the burden of direct taxes, and shift towards a more growth-friendly structure that relies more on indirect taxation and allows hardworking Jamaicans to keep more of what they earn. We will build on our "1.5", the largest increases in the income tax threshold in decades, moving to \$1.9m on April 1, 2026, and to \$2.0m on April 1, 2027, while embarking on a disciplined, deliberate phased move toward a long-term base rate for personal income tax of 15%. This will promote fairness and equity by ensuring that all contributors to national development are treated fairly and reward effort and enterprise by broadening the tax net so that the responsibility of funding public services is more evenly shared. All while maintaining the economic stability we have worked so hard to achieve.

►► Phasing out Asset Tax

We are also committed to reducing and ultimately eliminating the Asset Tax requirement for Regulated Financial Institutions, as fiscal space allows.

7 Strengthening Job Security in the Public Sector and Beyond

We will build on our historic achievement of making approximately 16000 public sector contract workers permanent. We will continue to transition contract workers to permanent positions, ensuring stability, benefits, and long-term opportunities for government employees. We will ensure that there is even more Decent Work in Jamaica, in line with ILO principles, so that as we grow our economy together through a marriage of labour and capital, workers operate in an atmosphere of stability, fairness, and dignity.

8 Fueling MSME Growth and Affordable Credit

Increased funding to the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ) so that it can lend more to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, driving growth, innovation, and job creation. With \$2 billion already allocated this year, and fees already rolled into loans to increase loan affordability, we will also further cut red tape, simplify access, and push for lower interest rates so that every small business has a real shot at success.

9 Making the 4th Logistics Node a Reality

Further transformation of the Kingston Container Terminal, which has already increased cargo volumes by 60% and employment by 50% since our successful divestment in 2016.

▶▶ We will advance and complete the Westlands Expansion Project, which will increase container storage capacity by a further 25%; and



We will advance and complete the 700-acre Caymanas Special Economic Zone with direct connection to the Port.

These projects will catalyse the growth of the logistics industry as a new engine of growth for Jamaica, creating high-skill, high-paying jobs in engineering, logistics management, light manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and beyond.

10 Special Economic Zones for Health Care

Having demonstrated the transformative power of Special Economic Zones in BPOs, outsourcing, and logistics, we will leverage this model, and Jamaica's global brand, and extend similar incentives to the health sector with the creation of SEZs for Health Care. In parallel with the construction of new local hospitals already underway to improve domestic healthcare, these new zones will be designed to position Jamaica as the Caribbean's leading medical tourism hub, delivering high-quality, cost-competitive care that meets international accreditation standards. This will also drive foreign exchange earnings, create high-skilled high-paying jobs for Jamaican health professionals, and generate opportunities for local suppliers in pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, hospitality, and ancillary services.

11 Special Economic Zones for Creatives

We will expand the Special Economic Zone framework to encompass music, film, fashion, and art production. This strategic move will provide tax incentives, infrastructure support, and streamlined regulatory processes to nurture our talent and attract investments from local and international players. The next generation of music producers, fashion designers, and audio engineers will be able to import their equipment with lower duties



and Artisans will receive support to export their creations to the world. We anticipate robust growth in creative outputs, positioning Jamaica as a leading cultural and creative hub and exporter in the region, and our incredibly talented people in a better position to profit from their efforts.

12 100 Creative Villages (100 Sites)

Through 100 Creative Villages, we'll transform community centres into hubs of cultural energy, rehearsal rooms, studios, workshops, open-air markets, and safe spaces for families.

13 Cultural and Creative Apprenticeship – Mentors, Incubators & Rocket Accelerators

Through mentorships, incubators, and “Rocket” accelerators, creatives will have an unprecedented pathway to success. They will start by receiving preliminary creative and business training by HEART. They will then be paired with local and international creatives such as event planners, promoters, entertainers, artisans, sculptors, filmmakers, and content creators for the completion of their training. While apprentices are being trained on the job, they will receive a monthly stipend from the Trust. Furthermore, to ensure broad representation, each Member of Parliament will be encouraged to nominate two young persons for the programme. The first cohort will comprise 200 persons, and will be increased thereafter.

14 More Affordable Housing for Tourism Workers

Having already started implementation of hotel-provided housing for non-management workers, we will go further to negotiate, secure, and incentivise resort developers to include on-site or nearby staff accommodations. In addition, we will expand partnerships with NHT, HAJ, and private sector developers to construct affordable housing solutions for workers in all major resort towns.

15 Real, Fair Rewards for Great Service

We will introduce legislation to mandate that at least 80% of all amounts collected from customers by hotels, restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments as service charges, gratuities, or similar fees must be paid over to employees, no later than three months after collection.

16 No Tax on Tips and Gratuities

Tips and Gratuities paid to employees of hotels, restaurants, bars, and similar establishments will be exempt from income tax for employees earning up to J\$3 million per annum. This will ensure that the people on the frontlines of our hospitality industry, the hearts and smiles of tourism, see a real and direct benefit from delivering outstanding service.

17 Local First: Deepen Access for Local Producers and Entrepreneurs

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18 “Tourism Fi All a Wi” Calendar

We will make tourism work for creatives all year round. In partnership with members of the creative and entertainment sectors, we will develop A “Tourism Fi All a Wi” calendar which will ensure headline events are hosted in different parishes each month, bundled with hotel, tour, and cruise deals to attract steady visitor flow

19 Creation of the First Ever Farmer's Pension Scheme

The Jamaica Labour Party has a strong history of strengthening social protection for all our citizens. Our farmers and fishers will not be left behind. We will establish a dedicated pension scheme for farmers and fishers, with seed funding of \$1 billion, ensuring that when they retire, they can do so with dignity and financial peace of mind.

20 Establishment of One Agro Park per Parish

We remain committed to ensuring that in every parish, land is set aside to support viable careers in commercial agriculture. We will earmark lands from the National Land Agency (NLA), SCJ Holdings (SCJH) and Jamaica Bauxite Mining (JBM) to develop fully equipped agro-parks with irrigation, storage, and road infrastructure. Also, 25% of all new Agro Park lands will be designated for women, youth, and persons with disabilities under the Feeding the Economy through Empowerment and Development (FEED) Programme.

21 Launch of Project Green Home

In the next term, we will break new ground by establishing Jamaica's first integrated agriculture and housing development. In partnership with SCJ Holdings, the NHT, and private investors, we will deliver affordable homes with built-in greenhouse infrastructure, creating communities that feed and house themselves.

22 Support for Young Fishers

We will expand our provision of training, boats, engines, and fishing equipment for Youth registered as fishers for no less than 3 years, encouraging young people to grow in the sector and securing seafood sustainability.

23 Renegotiation of the JPS License for Cheaper Electricity

Having inherited a fixed license arrangement on assuming office in 2016, the government will now be able to undertake a full renegotiation of the JPS licence in 2027, with the goal of transforming the energy sector in the national interest. Your government has formally signaled this intention to the JPS, and we are committed to delivering the best result for you. A new licence will reflect modern realities, sustainability goals, and better electricity cost for households.

24 House Wiring Assistance for First-Time JPS Users

We will connect more Jamaicans and provide more support to First-Time Users: We will fund house wiring and inspection costs to connect the first 20,000 new JPS customers, helping regularise electricity access in specific communities.

25 Expanding Safety through Solar Access to Low-Income Communities

We will address energy poverty and safety concerns, starting with distribution of small solar lamps and /or solar systems to vulnerable Jamaicans. We will start with a national pilot to provide solar electricity systems to 2,000 households in underserved communities, including Zones of Special Operations (ZOSOs), where grid access is limited or unaffordable. The second phase will target 8000 more households so they can do away with unsafe kerosene lamps and candles, saving more families from tragic fires and keeping their lighting costs low.

26 Implementation of an Integrated Solid Waste Management System

Phase 1

Waste Collection and Transportation: We will deliver modern, island-wide waste collection and transportation, ensuring cleaner communities across Jamaica.

Phase 2

Sanitary Landfill and Waste-to-Energy: We will introduce a state-of-the-art 65MW Waste-to-Energy facility and a modern sanitary landfill, replacing open dumps with safe, environmentally responsible disposal.

Phase 3

Waste-to-Energy Expansion: We will add a second 26MW Waste-to-Energy facility, maximising energy recovery and reducing landfill use.

On completion of all three phases, all major open disposal sites, including Riverton, will be closed. The lands will be rehabilitated and redeveloped for safe, productive uses, while persons who

currently make a livelihood from these sites will be supported with skills training, alternative employment opportunities, and integration into the new waste management system. This plan will create jobs, improve public health, generate renewable energy, and keep Jamaica cleaner, greener, and more resilient for future generations.

27 Beautification of City Corridors and Fostering National Pride

We will beautify the major corridors of Kingston by planting Bouganvillea or other low-maintenance perennial flowering plants and trees, such as the Pouie, ensuring that we improve the aesthetics of the built environment and build greater civic pride in beauty and cleanliness. We will phase expansion to other corridors and promote greater national pride and awareness of our national symbols by systematically installing Jamaican flags in town centers and parish capitals, and support youth engagement by partnering on maintenance with the Scouts Association and Jamaica Combined Cadet Force.

28 Modernising Environmental Laws for Sustainability

We will pass key environmental policies and overhaul outdated legislation, including the Forest Act and Wildlife Protection Act, while introducing new regulations on air quality, wastewater, and environmental impact assessments to support Jamaica's green development goals.

29 Plant 3 Million MORE Trees and Expand Protected Areas

We commit to protecting 30% of Jamaica's land five years ahead of our national and global targets, planting 3 million more trees, and implementing a national land restoration plan.

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30 Cutting Pollution and Scaling Up Recycling

Jamaica will raise its plastics recycling rate to 70% within five years, ban more unrecyclable plastics, expand waste collection, and promote e-waste solutions.

31 **Guaranteeing Public Beach Access for All Jamaicans**

We will continue to work with the Urban Development Corporation to upgrade and/or develop more public beaches, with clean, safe facilities, lifeguards, and activities for families. Our promise: Every parish must have at least one world-class public beach. We will finalise and implement the Beach Access Policy and develop 20 public beach parks, including major upgrades to Negril, Boston, Paggee, and Priory beach parks, ensuring fair and enjoyable shoreline access for all Jamaicans.

32 **SPARK – The Water Chapter**

Over the next 5 years, we will transform Jamaica's water infrastructure, building on the 350,000 Jamaicans already served through recent improvements and targeting 900,000 more with expanded access, including through major projects like the Rio Cobre Water Treatment Plant and the Western Water Resilience Project.

33 **Smarter, More Efficient Distribution & Major Pipeline Development**

We will further reduce water loss from leaks and theft from 65% to 35%. We will also replace major pipelines, including in Yallahs and the Falmouth–Negril corridor, and complete the Greater Mandeville water distribution system. This will send more of our precious resources to your homes and businesses, increasing your reliability of supply.



34 Bringing Water to More Rural Communities

We will continue to improve the lives of Jamaicans living in under-served rural communities by undertaking a major water distribution project to bring water to 38,000 Jamaicans across 6 of the most poorly served rural communities including Aqualta Vale / Jordan Run / Mason Hall (St. Mary); Albert Town / Ulster Spring (Trelawny) ; Union / Balaclava (St. Elizabeth); Port Morant / Airy Castle (St. Thomas) and Green Park / Bamboo (St. Ann). No one will be left behind.

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35 New Social Water Policy: Ensuring Equity and Affordability

We will develop and implement a new Social Water Policy to ensure that water remains legally accessible to low-income households – returning dignity and water to households while ensuring viability of maintenance of water systems. Prepaid connections will be established based on assessment of current community consumption levels.

36 New Water Amnesty for MSMEs

Starting September 1, 2025, we will also expand the NWC Amnesty Programme to micro, small, and medium enterprises, cutting outstanding bills in half and offering free reconnections. This will unburden small businesses from challenges caused by leaks and damaged infrastructure and allow for the regularisation of the mutually beneficial relationship with the NWC.

37 From Promise to Property: Delivering 25,000 Land Titles/Year

We will bring security and opportunity to the thousands of families living in long-established informal settlements across Jamaica. We will secure land and secure futures by building on the new Systematic Land Registration system to deliver 25,000 titles per year over the next five years. A national campaign will ramp up the use of Systematic Registration to pursue nationwide land tenure regularisation, beginning with high-density urban areas, using cutting-edge technology.

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We will move to **Digital Titles and Digital Land Surveys at the Titles Office and Survey Department** – an essential part of achieving our target of 25,000 Titles per year. With digitisation, every Jamaican, whether home or abroad, will also be able to get their Title Information on a computer or on their phones. As part of this process, we will:

▶▶ Exponentially increase the capacity of land surveying by the establishment of a New Land Surveying Training School at the National Land Agency for training our young people in all areas of the Land Surveying Profession needed to get this done.

▶▶ Finance the title cost through the National Housing Trust (NHT), allowing residents to repay over time. This repayment will be rolled into a plan that will unlock other NHT benefits, such as construction grants and home improvement loans, to build on their property for which they will now have Title.

38 New 1-in-5 and 2-in-10 NHT Benefit for Teachers, Nurses, and Security Forces

Public sector workers already receive a reduction on their NHT loan rate; now nurses, teachers, and members of the security forces will also have their nation-building service to country recognised by:

▶▶ an additional 1% reduction in their NHT loan interest rate after completing 5 full years of service.

▶▶ an additional 2% reduction in their NHT loan interest rate after 10 full years of service.

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39 One Park Per Parish for Recreation, Green Spaces, and Social Infrastructure

To promote wellness and quality of life, we will develop more recreational and green spaces, including parks, playgrounds, and trails. Communities in every parish will benefit from multipurpose courts, football fields, and picnic areas that support active lifestyles, family life, and social connection.

40 More and Better NHT Benefits for You

Effective July 1, 2025, we raised the NHT mortgage loan limits to make higher-quality housing solutions more affordable as follows:

- Single applicant – from \$7.5M to \$9M. And if the home you are purchasing costs \$14M or less, the loan limit is \$12M;
 - Two co-applicants – from \$15M to \$17M; and
 - Three co-applicants – from \$21M to \$23M.

Since July 1, 2025, for contributors who earn less than \$30,000.00 weekly, we reduced the required deposit on open market purchases from 5% to 2% for housing solutions priced at or below \$14M,

- We have also increased construction loan limits to \$11M (individual), \$17M (two applicants), and \$23M (three applicants) to help more Jamaicans build on their land.
- We have reduced the waiting period for home improvement loans from 10 years to 7 years and increased limits from \$3.5M to \$5M making it easier and more affordable to renovate, expand, or repair existing homes.

- We have eliminated service charges for NHT loans for applicants with weekly incomes under \$30,000 and reduced them to 2% for applicants with weekly incomes between \$30,001–\$42,000.
- We have expanded the Home Grant programme by raising the qualifying income ceiling from \$18,000 to \$30,000 per week, and increased the grant value up to \$3.5M for eligible low-income contributors. The Grant may be combined with an NHT loan to purchase land or residential property, or to build. The NHT also offers grants to help pensioners and low-income families complete unfinished starter units.

41 More New Social Housing

We will expand and fortify the New Social Housing Programme with a goal of 5,000 units by 2030, targeting the most vulnerable. The programme will have 3 components, including:

► Families living in the worst conditions on land to which they have rights;

► Families who do not have rights land but whose housing, and relocation needs are desperate. Due to destruction by fire, natural disaster or environmental threats; and

► Small developments of multi-family units to transform “tenement yards” of 25 households or fewer residing on one piece of land. This will be complemented by the Small Urban Developers Programme announced by the Prime Minister earlier this year, which will help to fill in and transform spaces of urban blight already close to centers of economic activity.

42 National Roof Repair and Room Completion Assistance Programme

Too many households across Jamaica are vulnerable to weather, with leaking roofs a source of frustration. Unfinished rooms add their own anxieties. We will ease these issues with the repair of 5000 of these homes over the next 5 years, starting with the most vulnerable as assessed by the SDC and based on recommendations of the relevant Members of Parliament, who best see and know the needs of their vulnerable constituents.



43 HAJ Land Title Amnesty

The government will offer an amnesty to help individuals who currently owe less than \$150,000 on their land at HAJ to settle their debts and secure their ownership. We will also offer a payment plan for those who owe more than \$150,000 but have been unable to make payments for some time.

44 New One Road Authority

We have mapped all roads across Jamaica and created a Database of our 27000 km roads identified. This will enable more effective overall road development and maintenance of Jamaica's roads. To make this better management a reality, we will create a new Regulatory Authority for Roads, which, in its first phase of existence, will establish and enforce road construction and maintenance standards for all roads, whether main, municipal, parochial, or farm roads.

45 New National Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade Programme

We will implement a New National Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing programme to make them user- friendly for persons with disabilities. This will work in conjunction with the intention to also make pavements and road crossings safer for all pedestrians, including children and the elderly.

46 SPARK II

SPARK II – Another SPARK PROGRAMME will be launched to make sure that every road important to your communities is fixed, has proper supporting infrastructure, and is maintained in good condition.

47 Innovative Accelerated Rural Bridge Development Project (ARBDP) Replacing 48 Aged Bridges with New Bridges

We will transform rural communities and uplift the lives of Jamaicans by replacing 48 aged structures with new bridges through an innovative partnership project with the UK. The structures will be designed with climate change considerations to withstand contemporary environmental challenges. The socio-economic outcomes will be extensive through improved safety, increased reliable connectivity for rural communities, and a significant boost to local economies.

48 Comprehensive Gully Rehabilitation

We will implement a four-phase rehabilitation programme addressing major gullies and drainage systems across Kingston. The investment to be made will have a significant impact on communities prone to flooding by protecting infrastructure, facilitating a healthier environment, safeguarding commuters during periods of heavy rainfall and, strengthening Jamaica's resilience to climatic conditions.

49 Montego Bay Bypass, Long Hill Bypass, Upgrades to Barnett Street and West Green Avenue

The ongoing Montego Bay Perimeter Road Project (MBPRP) is a national development project valued at US\$274M, which is completely funded by the Government of Jamaica (GoJ), **without any loans**. This undertaking includes the 15-kilometer Montego Bay Bypass, the 11-kilometer Long Hill Bypass, strategic upgrades to Barnett Street and West Green Avenue, and the construction of a 180-metre bridge over the Montego River. The project is currently 65% completed, while the Montego River Bridge is 99% completed. These developments will directly benefit citizens in St. James, Hanover, Westmoreland, Trelawny, and St. Ann, easing long-standing congestion in Montego Bay and laying the foundation for stronger commerce and connectivity in the western region.

50 National Rural School Bus System

We will roll out a **National Rural School Bus System** so that students pay a flat fare of only \$50 per trip, which is projected to save parents up to \$180,000 annually and ensure better student attendance at school. Having completed a successful pilot in Portland in May 2025, a national rollout will take place starting in September 2025. Phase 1 will see 110 buses serving 258 rural schools, benefiting approximately 328,000 students. Over the next two years, we will expand the programme with up to 300 additional buses, eventually reaching all 850 rural schools.

51 More Comfortable and Reliable JUTC With New Routes

We will implement new daily and peak-hour bus routes to better connect urban and rural communities. These routes will serve Morant Bay, Yallahs, May Pen, Chapleton, Old Harbour, Spanish Town, Negril, Montego Bay, Linstead, Bog Walk, Castleton Gardens, Naggo Head, and Green Pond, making transportation more affordable, reliable, and accessible for workers, students, and families across Jamaica.

52 300 More Public Wifi Hotspots

Having rolled out more than 300 Public Wifi Hotspots across the island, with faster download and upload speeds, impacting more than 250,000 Jamaicans. We will further expand coverage by doubling Public Wi-fi Hotspots in all 63 constituencies with a focus on rural and low-income communities.



53 Better Broadband Service for Rural and Low-Income Communities

We will expand the national broadband network to underserved rural areas and low-income communities; we will also lead the commencement of the digital switch-over transition.

54 A Gang-Free Jamaica

Recognising the significant role played by organised gangs in the maintenance of high levels of violence, criminality, and social disruption, we will continue our efforts to identify, interdict, disarm, and dismantle criminal organisations across the country, allowing communities to live and grow in peace. We will continue to build our local and international intelligence capacity and, in parallel, strengthen our ports, systems and partnerships to stop the flow of guns and the coordination of violence and wider criminal activity from overseas and in our prisons.

55 Improving Corrections & Rehabilitation

We recognise that as we improve prosecution and detention of criminals, the correctional systems will need greater reform to ensure that we are disrupting the criminal cycle as best as possible.

▶▶ We have already started the process through review and overhaul of the Corrections Policy, and we will make further key legislative reforms to the Corrections Act.

▶▶ We will intensify rehabilitation of inmates, supported by a modernised and strengthened probation service.

▶▶ We will provide additional psychological and psychiatric support for inmates as needed, as well as additional social workers; and

▶▶ We will advance implementation of remedial education, advanced education, and vocational training options together with life skills and psycho-social initiatives to increase likelihood of successful reintegration on release.

56 Social Investments in Vulnerable Communities

Community intervention programmes will be scaled up from the 20 most vulnerable and violent communities, to reach all 100 of Jamaica's most vulnerable communities with targeted anti-violence strategies. This will include provision of identification documentation, referrals to social programmes, increased school enrollment, more training and job opportunities, and sustainable beautification programmes.

57 Expand Victim Support Services

As the Party of Equal Rights and Justice, we are committed to building on the progress made in our previous administration to provide greater support, healing, and a sense of justice. We will expand the Victim Support Division, increase the number of counsellors, improve data management systems, and provide more comprehensive care for vulnerable victims, including women, children, the elderly, and persons living with disabilities. We will also ensure greater inter-agency collaboration to ensure well-coordinated support, informed by the level and type of trauma experienced by victims of crime and families impacted.

58 Enhancing Support for Legal Aid and Detention Monitoring

- ▶▶ Implement a digital intake and detention tracking system in all police stations, linked to a centralised portal that prompts outreach to legal aid.
- ▶▶ Increase Legal Aid Resources for wider access.
- ▶▶ Fast-track legal aid for minors, the mentally ill, and indigent defendants through a streamlined intake and eligibility system coordinated with police and courts.
- ▶▶ Strengthen the Office of the Public Defender to ensure effective performance of its mandate, including enquiries into court delays, pre-trial detention trends, and alleged breaches of constitutional due process.

59 NHT Youth Housing Policy Expansion:

We will increase the allocation of affordable NHT housing units for young people from 10% to 15%– securing more access.

60 Strengthen National Youth Bodies

Further strengthen the Youth Advisory Council of Jamaica, National Youth Parliament and the National Youth Council to give more young people an opportunity to guide the national policy direction and ensure real-time feedback.

61 Student Loan To Now Cover Housing, Laptop, Meals and Books.

Having removed the barrier of the need for guarantors and reduced interest rates, we will further reform the Student Loan Bureau to provide comprehensive and flexible support for students. For the first time, students will be able to access funding not only for tuition, but also for essential education-related needs such as housing, laptops, meals, and books. No longer should the cost of basic needs become a barrier to learning. This reform ensures that every student has a fair shot at success, regardless of their financial circumstances.



62 Student Loan Debt Reset

We understand that in order for the SLB to meet the needs of our ever-growing population of ambitious students, repayment is critical. We also understand that life can throw curveballs that disrupt even the best of intentions. We will therefore implement a Debt Reset initiative as follows: Between the period November 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026, all delinquent debtors will be able to benefit from:

- 100% waiver of late fees / penalties
- 100% waiver of insurance charges
- 50% waiver of interest arrears

We also understand that in this wider context, individuals with accounts in good standing should be rewarded. We will therefore apply a credit of \$100,000.00 to accounts in good standing. Accounts which may require less to be closed out will, of course, receive the closing amount.

63 Creation of a National “How-To” Resource Hub for Young Jamaicans

We will establish a comprehensive digital and physical resource hub designed to provide young Jamaicans with easy access to essential information on navigating key life processes. This initiative will bridge the knowledge gap by offering clear, step-by-step guidance on various topics, including government Services.

- How to:**
- ▶▶ Fast-track legal aid for minors, the mentally ill, and indigent defendants through a streamlined intake and

eligibility system coordinated with police and courts.

- ▶▶ Find and apply for Scholarships, Internships, Entrepreneurship and Business Support, Business loans and grants;
- ▶▶ Gain financial literacy; and
- ▶▶ Register a business and understand basic tax obligations.

64 Youth Innovation Hubs 2.0

We will redesign public libraries into Youth Innovation Hubs. We will transform existing public libraries into vibrant youth-friendly innovation centers featuring modern co-working areas for study and collaboration, state-of-the-art digital labs for creative entrepreneurs, and recreational zones that foster networking sessions and cultural and entertainment experience.

These hubs will serve as safe accessible spaces where young people can innovate, grow and connect.



65 National Internship Initiative: Tertiary Learn Earn & Prosper (LEAP) (Creating Pathways to Employment and Experience)

We will expand access to real-world opportunities to equip young people for meaningful work and professional experience and provide them with an income.

- ▶▶ Launch the Tertiary Learn Earn and Prosper (LEAP) program to provide thousands of structured placements for youth aged 17 and above in both the public and private sectors so they can start their career journey.
- ▶▶ Partner with industry to create more earn-as-you-learn arrangements.
- ▶▶ Expand support for youth entrepreneurs with technical training, mentorship, and access to funding.

66 Primary Health Care Reform

We will increase the number of health centres offering access to doctors 5 days per week by more than 100%. This means we are targeting 67 health centres to be expanded over the next 3–5 years. This expansion will allow clinics to move from having doctors at the health centres once or twice per week

or once or twice per month, to having this full service 5 days per week. Services to be delivered include maternal and child health, treatment of specific illnesses, sexual and reproductive health, oral health, mental health, substance abuse, and also programmes that cater to the care of specific groups such as adolescent health and elderly health.

67 Late Opening Of Health Centres – Extended Care

Twenty-nine (29) health centres now offer extended hours beyond 4:00 pm, some of them until 10:00 pm, and some on weekends. As part of the expansion of this initiative, named 'Extended Care', we will increase these numbers by 25% over the next year, with an additional 25% in the following year, if required in response to surveys and actual use data. Extended hours for pharmacy services will be ongoing.

68 Hospital Expansion/Upgrade

The expansion of hospitals will feature an increase in bed spaces and specialist services, such as cardiology, gastroenterology, and urology. This will help to ease the overcrowding in tertiary hospitals that have a concentration of specialist services. The Western Child and Adolescent Hospital and the newly renovated Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James will be opened to improve access to quality health services in the Western Region.

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69 Reducing Hospital and Clinic Wait Times for Better Patient Care

We will implement strategies to reduce surgical, emergency room, and outpatient wait times by increasing operating theatre spaces and operating times, increasing staff, patient flow, and by adopting an appointment system for outpatient services.

70 Expanded Dental, Eye Care, and Prosthetic Services

- We will expand dental services in the public sector to include increased availability of dentures to help restore confidence and boost overall morale of affected persons.
- We will increase the number of surgeries for glaucoma, cataracts, and other eye-related conditions, as well as to increase vision screening in primary health care. There will also be strengthening of partnerships with civil society organisations and the private sector for the provision of glasses. Greater vision comes with significant economic and social advancement.
- The expansion of the new limb programme, designed to provide prosthetic limbs to individuals who have lost limbs due to health conditions or trauma, will help individuals regain mobility and live more independent and productive lives.

71 Food Handlers Permit Term Extended To Two Years

As part of those efforts, we will: Extend the term for a Food Handlers Permit renewal from one to two years; introduce convenient bill payment service options, effective January 1, 2026; implement a bi-modal modular training format to reduce certification-processing time from three weeks to two weeks; introduce new technology to facilitate faster and more efficient

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processing to eliminate delays and backlogs; increase the cadre of professionally trained food handlers to reduce the risk of outbreaks linked to improper food handling; and increase application access points, reducing wait time and enhancing the delivery process.

72 National Health Insurance Plan for Seniors

We will launch the National Health Insurance Plan for Seniors, expanding access to health services for Jamaica's over-60 population. The initial phase will target 400,000 seniors, covering 10 chronic illnesses, even as we continue to work on Universal Health Coverage.



73 Development Of Health Programme For Older Persons

The objectives of this plan include: maximisation of the period in which older persons maintain good health, wellness, and functional independence through the promotion of healthy ageing throughout the life course; building capacity of at least 90% of healthcare practitioners in primary care to identify and manage healthcare needs in older adults; providing allied health and rehabilitative services to older persons with complex health and disability needs.

74 Income Tax Relief for our Senior Citizens

We recognise and deeply value the lifetime of work, sacrifice, and service that our seniors have contributed to Jamaica.

- We will exempt from income tax all earnings from employment and pension income for persons aged 65 and above, provided their total annual income (from all sources) does not exceed \$6 million. This will deliver meaningful relief to thousands of seniors, leaving more money in their pockets to meet living expenses, support their families, and participate actively in community life.

75 New Law for Senior Citizens

We are committed to building a compassionate, more caring Jamaica, where every senior lives with dignity, safety, and purpose. We will pass a single, comprehensive

law to protect the rights of older persons, ensuring their dignity, care, freedom from abuse, and access to essential services. This includes provisions setting out the rights of older persons to ensure statutory protection for their dignity, autonomy, care, right to basic amenities, freedom from abuse and neglect, and their right to fair and non-discriminatory treatment.

76 Increasing the Minimum Wage

We will build on our record of minimum wage increases by continuing to review cost of living, inflation, as well as our economic and employment conditions, ensuring that work lifts people out of poverty and delivers a decent standard of living for every Jamaican worker.

77 The Development of a National Skills Bank



We will create the National Skills Bank (NSB), an all-encompassing database designed to identify labour shortages and mismatched skillset allocation. It will be an innovative and comprehensive tool identifying training needs and skill requirements for current jobs and those in the future, preparing Jamaicans for the ever-changing world of work and the opportunities they hold for our naturally talented people.



This transformative initiative will see collaborations with the Ministry's Social Intervention Programme (SIP), HEART/NSTA, non-governmental agencies, academic institutions and several other purpose driven

stakeholders. We intend to extend our reach and include Members of Parliament who have batches of job seekers registered within their constituencies. The NSB will also place emphasis on providing job opportunities to persons with disabilities and those within other vulnerable groups.

78 Unemployment Insurance Project

A major lesson from the COVID-19 pandemic was the need to ensure that when workers have lost their jobs, there is a facility in place to support them to reenter the labour force, and also to continue to support their families and themselves while seeking employment.

►► We will therefore add the Jamaica Unemployment Insurance Benefit to the suite of benefits under the National Insurance Scheme. This will provide a guaranteed safety net for workers at all levels who are contributors to the NIS, with the exception of the self-employed.

►► We are also already developing the legal and institutional framework to make unemployment insurance available to all employees in Jamaica.

79 Advance Reparatory Justice

Finalise a National Reparation Policy and Roadmap, submit a Reparations Petition to King Charles III, and invest in Maroon and Rastafari communities, including the building of a Permanent Elder Care Home and the protection of Rastafari children's rights in schools.

80 CHILD Care Grant

(Caring for Her Independence Learning and Development)

Too many women are unable to enter the workforce due to maternal responsibilities – unpaid care work. We will do more to support the social and economic well-being of our mothers. Under the HEART Trust/ NSTA, we will introduce the Caring for Her Independence Learning and Development Care Grant. Women with children born in the last 3 years (since the start of 2022) who enrol in a HEART programme will receive a monthly CHILD Care Grant for the duration of their programme.

81 Sensitive Dignified Support to Fight Period Poverty

Expand sensitive and dignified access to free hygiene items, to be managed in schools, including by packages for students on PATH.

82 Strengthen Laws to Protect Women, Children

Enact legal reforms to criminalise stalking, increase penalties for gender-based violence, and introduce new offences targeting predatory abuse by trusted adults. Harsher penalties and more effective monitoring and enforcement will be a part of this legislative / institutional agenda.



83 Expand Domestic Violence Shelter and Support Services

Operationalise all three state-run National Shelters offering legal aid, counselling, and family-centered care for survivors of violence, and add a Transitional Safe Home to assist in social reintegration of survivors who have exited the most difficult of circumstances.

84 Perimenopausal/ Menopausal Programmes

We will establish perimenopausal /menopausal programmes to ensure that the health system is designed to educate the population more widely and to support women as they transition through these life stages. This will include ensuring that the formal pharmaceutical processes provide appropriate medication and treatments available; that the medical community is more educated about modern diagnostic approaches; and that preventive health benefits are shared more widely. This is how we will address physical and emotional symptoms, improve overall well-being, and help women prevent and navigate potential health issues related to hormonal changes.

85 Modernise Sports Governance

Restructure major institutions, including INSPORTS, Independence Park Ltd., Sports Development Foundation, and Institute of Sports, to improve performance and accountability.

86 Expand Athlete Support and Development

Launch a Junior Athlete Incubator Programme, introduce a National Athlete Retention Strategy, and provide corporate sponsorships, training, and post-career planning for athletes.

87 National Stadium Redevelopment

We will undertake a historic renovation and remodeling of the National Stadium to make it fit for the world-renowned sprint nation that we are. Having started with the iconic black, green, and gold track, we will increase capacity, add 90% covered modern seating, new technology, anti-doping facilities, media facilities, lounges, and new concession facilities. The Stadium will also be the home of the National Sports Museum.

88 Upgrade of Sports Facilities Nationwide

We will also enhance the Trelawny Stadium, build a National Sports Museum, and in partnership with UWI and Usain Bolt, create a Sports Medicine Centre.

89 Support Young Sporting Potential

We will launch a transformative J\$250 million, five-year initiative to supercharge school sports across Jamaica. With J\$50 million allocated each year, this programme will uplift schools that show real promise but lack the resources to reach their full potential. It's more than a sports investment. Together we will nurture talent, inspire discipline, and create safe, positive spaces where students can grow, thrive, and dream big. By prioritising communities affected by crime and economic hardship, sport will become a powerful tool for unity, resilience, and hope.

90 GC Foster Sports Scholarships

We will offer 500 tuition scholarships each year to high school students from across Jamaica who aspire to build a career in sports — whether as athletes, coaches, trainers, sport managers, or sports teachers. These scholarships will provide full tuition at GC Foster College of Physical Education and Sport, giving recipients the professional training, coaching expertise, and academic qualifications needed to succeed. At a cost of \$75M annually, the programme will meet students at their academic level and place a strong emphasis on sports and gender equity, ensuring that young women and men have equal opportunities to excel in all sporting disciplines. It will also give them the opportunity to earn diplomas and degree certifications, opening the door to long-term careers in the sports industry. This investment will prepare Jamaica's next generation of sporting leaders, strengthen our global sporting legacy, create jobs, and empower communities through education and sport.

91 Making the Law Work for You

The Laws of Jamaica are for everyone. We will develop an Artificial Intelligence tool to explain the provisions of legislation to help all Jamaicans to better understand our laws and how our laws impact them.

92 Constitutional Reform with the People at the Centre

We will prioritise Jamaica's transition to a Republic. We will also continue to broaden national consultations on wider

constitutional reform to ensure that the voices of all Jamaicans are heard and respected. We remain committed to an inclusive and participatory process that advances the phases of reform and strengthens our democratic foundations.

93 Strong and Fair Anti-Corruption and Oversight Bodies

We will continue to strengthen and invest in Jamaica's key anti-corruption, oversight, and accountability bodies, ensuring they have the frameworks, resources, and capacity to operate at the highest standards. The reinforcement of fairness, safeguarding of the public trust, and upholding the credibility of our governance systems are critical to maintaining our strong democracy.

94 Protecting Jamaica from AI Misuse and Safeguarding Digital Dignity

We will strengthen legal protections that recognise every Jamaican's face, voice, and likeness as their personal property, ensuring that no one can exploit or reproduce them without consent.

95 Protecting Our Financial Integrity and Expanding Access

Having undertaken the hard systemic changes needed to secure our removal from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list and the European Union (EU) list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions, we will continue to ensure that our Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism systems are robust and in line with best practices so that access to financing is open to all. We will also ensure that they are risk-appropriate so that businesses do not bear an inordinate compliance burden without compromising progress made.



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96 Expand Jamaica's Positive and Effective Global Presence

In regional, hemispheric, and multilateral fora:

- ▶▶ We will further strengthen good relations with countries across the world, including close friends and non-traditional partners.
- ▶▶ We will foster closer cooperation and promote mutual understanding on issues that challenge our world, between small and developing countries and among larger and more developed nations.
- ▶▶ We will maximise our soft power and diplomatic skills to promote the resolution of conflicts that impinge on the well-being of our people and beyond.
- ▶▶ We will continue to support the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our CARICOM partners.

97 Advancement of the Economic Diplomacy Programme

We will continue to assess and strengthen the partnership between our overseas missions and JAMPRO to ensure the effectiveness of our Economic Diplomacy Programme in support of overseas opportunities for Jamaican businesses at home, and of investments in Jamaica by businesses overseas, including

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those owned by our Diaspora. Together, we will use effective public diplomacy initiatives to strategically promote Jamaica in both contexts.

98 Strengthened Consular Services & Diaspora Engagement

▶▶ We will continue to strengthen the capacity of our diplomatic missions and consular network overseas. Digital diplomacy, and the successful implementation of AI and other technologies already underway, will continue to boost the efficiency of consular services to Jamaican nationals overseas.

▶▶ We will continue to hail the invaluable contributions of Jamaicans in every corner of the world, toward national development, and look forward to further harnessing the limitless potential of the GOJ / Diaspora partnership under the National Diaspora Policy.

▶▶ We will also pursue re-energised and deepened collaboration with the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council and the Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council, as we continue to mainstream Diaspora engagement and partnership at all levels of national development and plan for the 11th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference.

99 Leveraging Opportunities for Export Market Expansion

We will continue to strategically leverage the provisions of multilateral and bilateral Trade Agreements to create even more

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opportunities for local businesses to expand the export of goods and services into new markets. As we continue to create the conditions for increased exports, we will increase employment for Jamaicans and Jamaica's overall economic growth.

100 Pursuit of New Trade and Investment Opportunities



We will continue to buttress our engagements on trade issues in the global, hemispheric, and regional contexts, within CARICOM and the LA region, as well as through our membership of important organisations viz. the UN and its specialised agencies such as the WTO, EU-OACPS-CARIFORUM, and the Commonwealth.



We will deepen engagement with our private sector and civil society on these initiatives and support our Foreign Trade sector to serve as a catalyst for increased exports and foreign investments in other economic sectors, such as services, including the cultural and creative sector services and tourism.



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