



Auditor General's Department Annual Report

Financial Year 2019/2020

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAMAICA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 2020 AND
A PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR
GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT



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December 30, 2020

*The Honourable Speaker
House of Representatives
Gordon House
81 Duke Street
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Dear Sir,

Pursuant to the provision of Section 112 (2) of the Jamaican Constitution, I have the honour to submit my report on the results of my examination of the accounts of the Island for the year ended 31st March 2020 for tabling in the House of Representatives.

The report is a compendium of the performance of the Auditor General's Department for the period December 2019 – November 2020 and all audits conducted up to November 2020.

Yours faithfully,

*Pamela Monroe Ellis (Mrs.)
Auditor General*

Issue/Concerns	Financial Exposure
Project Management	
<p>of this project is fundamentally linked to Goal three (3) and outcome seven (7)- a stable Micro-economy of the National Development Plan, Vision 2030, and by extension Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number nine (9) and eleven (11): Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and Sustainable Cities and Communities, respectively.</p> <p>3.2.50. The audit of the financial and accounting records of the FCGP for the period ended March 31, 2020, revealed a generally satisfactory state of affairs and compliance with the terms and condition of the loan agreement; however, the following matter of concern was noted.</p> <p>FCGP developed strategies to accelerate deliverables but a key activity is lagging</p> <p>3.2.51. For the period under review, the FCGP was able to implement 17 of the 23 planned Project indicators. However, due to delays experienced in the early phase, an extension of twenty-three (23) months was granted to complete the Project activities. One such initiative that was not completed and is significant to the improvement of the competitiveness of the business environment is the revision of the Fair Competition Act (FCA), to include provisions on mergers and acquisitions. The draft amendments prepared and submitted by the consultant in 2018, had not been presented to the Cabinet Office for consideration, albeit two years have elapsed.</p> <p>3.2.52. Management indicated that the consultant’s contract, which expired in 2018, was not extended as a timeline could not be ascertained when the necessary review would be actioned.</p> <p>3.2.53. Management was advised to implement strategies that will ensure the Project is completed within the life of the Loan, as the Government may need to identify additional resources to implement any outstanding activity. The FGCP has since advised that the comments of the Cabinet Submission were scheduled to be presented to the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce (MIIC), during the week of November 23-27, 2020.</p>	

HEAD 20000: MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE - PLANNING INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA, IMPROVING CLIMATE DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Issue/Concerns	Financial Exposure
Project Management	
<p>3.2.54. The objective of the Improving Climate Data and Information Management Project (ICDIMP) is to improve the quality and use of climate data for effective planning and action at the local and national levels. The project is funded by a grant of US\$6.8 million from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and is estimated to last for</p>	N/A

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<p>Project Management</p> <p>approximately five years from October 2, 2015. The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) is the executing entity, but it collaborates with other Government agencies to implement the various project components.</p> <p>3.2.55. The audit of the accounting records and financial transactions of the ICDIMP for the financial year ended March 31, 2020, revealed that the project did not achieve six of the eighteen planned targets for the period. Of the six outstanding targets, five were in progress and one did not start. Management subsequently indicated that two of the outstanding targets were achieved after the year-end.</p> <p>3.2.56. Management was reminded that delays in completing project activities increase the risk of the project not achieving its intended objectives within the planned timelines. Going forward, management should continue to strengthen the planning, monitoring and oversight of its project activities to ensure that the project's objectives are met within the agreed timelines.</p>	