



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*

HEAD 40000: MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY – PROGRAMME OF ADVANCEMENT THROUGH HEALTH AND EDUCATION INTEGRATED SUPPORT TO JAMAICA’S SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY (ISJSPS) PROJECT

Issue/Concerns	Financial Exposure
Project Management	
<p>3.2.176. The Integrated Support to Jamaica’s Social Protection Strategy (ISJSPS) Project is funded by a \$50.0 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB,) disbursed over a four-year period from November 25, 2015, when the agreement was signed. Counterpart funding was provided by the Government of Jamaica (GoJ).</p> <p>3.2.177. The objectives of the Project were to support consumption, protect and promote the human capital accumulation of the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) beneficiaries, as well as strengthen the overall capacity of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) to improve quality and access to the network of social services provided to the poor and vulnerable population. The objectives of this Project are intrinsically linked to National Development Plan, Vision 2030 Goal number 1 outcome 3- Effective Social Protection and Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>The audit of the ISJSPS disclosed the following:</p> <p>Project achievements</p> <p>3.2.178. At March 31, 2020, PATH initiated 44 of the 46 contracts that were at the planning stage in the previous year; while contracts for the remaining two activities- Research Identifying Employment Opportunities in Selected Parishes, and Evaluation of Senior Day Activity Centre, were yet to be implemented. Management indicated that the procurement process, particularly for infrastructure works, was prolonged by late start of the Project.</p> <p>3.2.179. Subsequent to the audit, MLSS advised that these activities had to be changed owing to COVID-19. Consequently, the Bank approved an extension of the Project to October 2021 and replaced the outstanding activities with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development of the LMIS Website (Phase 4) & the further development of the LMIS Mobile App (Phase 2) to facilitate the job placement process once jobs become available post COVID • Public Awareness Campaign on the LMIS via social media. • Procurement of Wellness kits for the Seniors to help with coping strategies during the COVID period. <p>3.2.180. At the time of reporting, MLSS advised that these activities were advanced in the procurement process and will be completed by the first part of 2021.</p>	N/A