

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN CITIZEN SECURITY
AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

SALIENT Joint Programme – Jamaica

Reducing Small Arms & Light
Weapons



Background



- The Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) Fund was established by The Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Established to support catalytic activities in operationalizing and mainstreaming small-arms control in development efforts and policies.
- Jamaica has been selected as one of two pilot countries to benefit from SALIENT to support the advancement of its safety and security programme.

Jamaican Landscape/Context

Data shows that the firearm is the primary implement used to commit homicides in Jamaica.

As of 2019, the percentage of homicides committed with a firearm was reported to be approximately 80%; this average has remained constant since 2015.

Illicit firearms have been used to fuel organized criminal related activities, which have resulted in most of the homicides and violence concentrated in urban inner-city areas and rural townships across five (5) of the country's fourteen (14) parishes.

SALIENT Jamaica Joint Programme

Objectives

- Address the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons in Jamaica, as well as specific social and behavioural factors which are directly linked to the prevalence of violence and violent crimes among vulnerable populations.

Alignment

- **Vision 2030 National Goal 2** – *The Jamaica Society is Secure and Just*
- **UN MSDCF Outcome 7** – Regional and national laws, policies, systems, and institutions improve access to justice and promote peace, social cohesion, and security.



SALIENT Jamaica Joint Programme

Project Duration 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 (12 months)

- *Received further six (6) months extension*

Total Project Budget Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) Fund – USD \$498,295.00

UN Partners

- The Joint Programme implementation by four (4) UN Agencies with oversight from the Resident Coordinator's Office.



Project Components

Component 1

- *Undertaking the requisite legislative review and development of required national strategies while building the capacity of local law enforcement agencies.*

Component 2

- *Undertaking the necessary research to support more targeted violence prevention and reduction programmes in at-risk communities.*

Component 3

- *Strengthening the capacity among stakeholders who interface with at-risk youth in schools.*

Component 4

- *Strengthening the capacity of law enforcement and criminal justice institutions to reduce access to illegal small arms and light weapons.*

Outcome 1:

Control of small arms is improved and access to firearms and ammunition is reduced

Output 1.1: Improved legislative and institutional framework to regulate access to firearms, their parts and ammunition, in line with relevant regional and international instruments informed by a gender analysis

Activity 1.1.1: Legislative review (including gender analysis) of Jamaica's national legislation related to firearms, their parts and ammunition, to counter the illicit trafficking of firearms

Activity 1.1.2: comprehensive review of the existing National Control System for the regulation of firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

Activity 1.1.3: Development of a National Small Arms Control Strategy

Activity 1.1.4 Support to the ratification of the CIFTA

Outcome 1: Control of small arms is improved and access to firearms and ammunition is reduced

JP Output 1.2
Capacity-
development of law
enforcement and
criminal justice
institutions and
cross-border
corporation
strengthened

Activity 1.2.1: Enhance interdiction training at entry, exit and/or transit points (law enforcement and control authorities)

Activity 1.2.2: Enhance interdiction training at maritime and seaports (law enforcement and control authorities)

Activity 1.2.3: Support a comprehensive assessment of detection capabilities and processes at the international airports

Activity 1.2.4: Provide a comprehensive package of capacity building activities to AIRCOP and CCP task forces

Outcome 2: Populations at-risk benefit from armed violence prevention/reduction programmes

Output 2.1:
Transformative gender-mainstreamed agendas tackling root causes and effects of armed violence are advanced

Activity 2.1.1: Conduct comprehensive violence audit in Norwood and Denham Town

Activity 2.1.2: 1-2 Day Classroom Behavior Management Seminar for educators

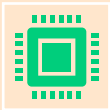
Activity 2.1.3: Life skills training workshops for male students and at-risk youth

Activity 2.1.4: Prevention of the entry of arms into schools

Lessons Learnt



The leveraging of partnerships established and continuous engagement with key stakeholders and partner UN agencies facilitated strong buy-in and cooperation.



The leveraging of the UN global network of expertise for accelerated implementation.

Innovation Strategies

Strategic innovation was utilized by the Ministry of National Security through the development and implementation of the violence audit.

This violence audit is the first being conducted in Jamaica, being piloted in two inner-city and volatile communities with the hope to be further upscaled in Jamaica.

The utilization of this new research would aid in informing decision making through the Ministry of National Security and by extension the Government of Jamaica.



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