

Strengthening Jamaica's Criminal Justice Capacity | PROJAM



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Since 2017, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) has strengthened Jamaica's criminal justice sector through targeted technical assistance, working closely with local police, prosecutors, and judges to improve investigative practices and boost conviction rates for complex crimes, including money laundering and drug trafficking.

Progressing through multiple phases, the program's second phase focused on implementing new criminal procedure legislation to align Jamaican practices with international standards. Now in its third phase, the program is streamlining criminal case processing and developing evidence-based policies for the Ministry of National Security. These initiatives are designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Jamaica's criminal justice system, equipping it to more effectively combat crime and ensure justice.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Enhance the efficiency of Jamaica's criminal justice institutions.
- Strengthen capacity to investigate and prosecute financial crimes, including lottery scams.
- Support the development of policies and legislation to advance justice sector reform in Jamaica.

SELECTED OUTCOMES



Implemented a fully operational Differentiated Case Management (DCM) system in four court divisions, improving case processing efficiency and reducing backlogs.



Strengthened capacity of the Ministry of National Security, with at least 50 staff members trained every six months in policy development and legislative processes.



Conducted quarterly workshops to strengthen interagency on cases addressing on lottery scams, asset forfeiture, POCA, and AML cases.

KEY FACTS

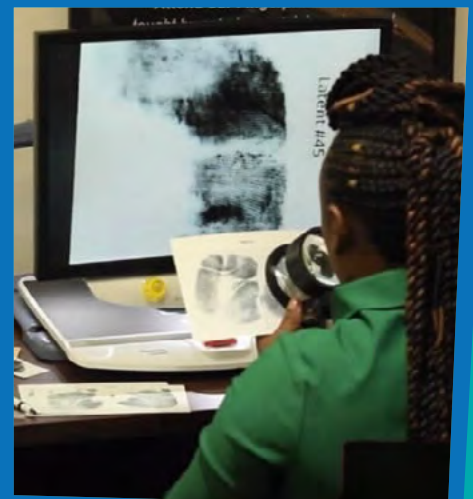
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Jamaican Ministry of Justice, Ministry of National Security, Major Organized Crime & AntiCorruption Agency (MOCA), Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) Lottery Scam Task Force, Institute of Forensic Science and Legal Medicine, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.



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