THE SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY IN JAMAICA
AND ITS LINKAGES WITH THE MONTEVIDEO
CONSSENSUS AND THE SDGS

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UNITED NATIONS MULTI-COUNTRY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (UN MSDF)
Definition of Social Protection for Jamaica

- “The set of provisions that employ public and private initiatives, guided by State policies, to prevent, address and reduce the risks of poverty and vulnerability brought about by losses or interruptions to income. Its objective is to ensure living standards above specified levels, through effective social, economic and labour market policies that support income security across the life span”.

Jamaica Social Protection Strategy December 2013
JAMAICA SP FLOOR INCLUDES:

- Cash transfer programme
- School feeding programme
- Residential care of wards
- Basic health and education
- Economic empowerment grants
- National Insurance Scheme
- Minimum wage policy
- Drug subsidy programmes
- Employment insurance (tbc)
- Safe water, sanitation, shelter
- Public transportation systems
INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

CABINET

Portfolio Ministry

PIOJ NSPC Committee

Parish NSPC Committees

Income Security Sub-Committee
Social Transfers Sub-Committee
Human Resource Development Sub-Committee
Social Services and Infrastructure Sub-Committee
National Outcome #3: Effective Social Protection

- Infuse poverty and vulnerability considerations in all public policy
- Expand opportunities for the poor to engage in sustainable livelihoods
- Create and sustain an effective, efficient, transparent and objective system for delivering social assistance services and programmes
- Promote greater participation in, and viability of social insurance and pension schemes
- Create an enabling environment for persons with disabilities
- Create and sustain an effective social protection system
INTERLINKAGE WITH THE MONTEVIDEO CONSSENSUS

- Related to all priority measures in Thematic Area C – Ageing, social protection and socioeconomic challenges
- International Migration and Development
- Labour Market Reform
- National Poverty Policy
- Revision of the National Policy on Senior Citizens
- Health, specific reference to HIV
- PATH
- National Insurance Scheme and Pension reform
- Persons with Disabilities