



# Open Government Partnership Independent Reporting Mechanism

## Action Plan Review: Jamaica 2024-2026 Comments Received

**Comments Received from Richard Lumsden, Director – Economic Reform Monitoring Unit  
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### Comment on SECTION TITLE

We acknowledge receipt of Jamaica's 2024-2026 Action Plan Review for public comment and thank the IRM for sharing the report with us. The response provided below is in regard to the following section of the report on page 16:

2.2 Repository: The OGP Jamaica team's website includes an online repository, but it does not feature information on both co-creation and implementation of this action plan. The civil society website includes basic information about OGP, the selection process on how to apply to serve on the MSF, and information on the co-creation timeline, but it lacks information about the plan's implementation. Minimum Requirement Met? No.

We believe that this assessment by the IRM is demonstrably inaccurate and should be revised before the final report is published. The Open Government Partnership (OGP) document repository was established on the website of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS), the lead ministry for the OGP process in Jamaica, in 2021, and has provided information on all aspects of the national OGP process since then to the present day, including through a process of redesign and rebranding of the MOFPS website in 2022-2023.

The OGP webpage on the MOFPS website may be accessed at the following address: <https://www.mof.gov.jm/documents/open-government/>

In addition to providing basic and historical information of the OGP process generally and in Jamaica, the documents relating to the OGP process currently on this webpage as at February 6, 2026 include the following:

- Jamaica – Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026
- Jamaica – Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026 (Draft) (June 2026) (For Public Consultation)
- Jamaica – Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026 (Draft) (January 2026) (For Public Consultation)
- Summary Schedule of OGP Co-Creation Process for Second NAP (December 2023-February 2024)
- OGP NAP Public Progress Report on Implementation (January-December 2022)
- Jamaica OGP National Action Plan 2021-2023 (Revised)
- Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 Feedback Matrix
- OGP NAP Public Progress Report on Implementation (June 2024-June 2025) (Draft)
- Presentation on Progress Report for OGP Second National Action Plan (June 2024-June 2025) (Justice and Human Rights)
- Presentation on Progress Report for OGP Second National Action Plan (June 2024-June 2025) (Youth)
- Presentation on Progress Report for OGP Second National Action Plan (June 2024-June 2025) (ATI)
- Agenda for First Meeting of New OGP NAP MSF – July 29, 2025
- Agenda for First Meeting of New OGP NAP MSF – August 19, 2025
- Agenda for First Meeting of New OGP NAP MSF – November 27, 2025
- Minutes of MSF Meeting – July 29, 2025

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In addition, the MOFPS website contains further documents in its OGP document repository at the following address: <https://www.mof.gov.jm/documents/programmes/>

On this webpage, vast quantities of documents relating to the OGP process generally and in Jamaica may be accessed by the public under the following headings:

- GOJ Documents
- OGP Civil Society
- OGP Documents
- OGP Events
- OGP Multi-Stakeholder Forum
- OGP National Action Plans

We note specifically that the Jamaica – Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026 (Draft) (January 2026) (For Public Consultation) and the Jamaica – Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026 (Draft) (June 2026) (For Public Consultation) contain extensive information on the co-creation process for this national action plan as well as on the framework for the implementation and monitoring of this national action plan (see for example Section 4.0 Preparation of Jamaica’s Second OGP National Action Plan on pages 15-17 in the second document, as well as the Appendix 4 on page 49 of the document which provides a Summary Schedule of OGP Co-Creation Process for Second National Action Plan over the period December 2024-July 2024). We further note that it has been established and accepted by the IRM based on evidence provided that these documents were uploaded to the MOFPS website in February 2024 and June 2024 respectively, during the co-creation process for the Second OGP National Action Plan and well before the action plan was finalized and submitted. It should be noted that these documents were also widely circulated to stakeholders during the co-creation process, who were expressly advised that these documents were available on the MOFPS website for public consultation and review, including the information on the co-creation process. These facts alone are sufficient to contradict the IRM assessment that the OGP website does not feature information on the co-creation of the Second OGP National Action Plan.

The documents on the OGP webpage also include the Summary Schedule of OGP Co-Creation Process for Second NAP (December 2023-February 2024) as well as the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 Feedback Matrix, which the IRM has accepted was shared with stakeholders and posted on the MOFPS website in February 2025 based on the evidence provided. The OGP webpage also contains the OGP NAP Public Progress Report on Implementation (June 2024-June 2025) (Draft) which was prepared based on information provided by the implementing entities during the period September-October 2025, as had been done for progress reports on the previous action plan which are also on the webpage. It was shared with stakeholders in November 2025, following the passage of Hurricane Melissa which hit Jamaica as a Category 5 hurricane on October 28, 2025, and was posted on the MOFPS website in December 2025. However, we do not believe that information on the implementation of the action plan is relevant to the IRM’s Action Plan Review, which is intended to focus on the process of development of the plan. Indeed, the IRM report itself, on page 16, states that the minimum requirement relating to Open implementation is not applicable.

We further note that the IRM has amended previous drafts of their 2024-2026 Action Plan Review in response to evidence provided by the Government of Jamaica (GOJ). We believe that it is also appropriate for the IRM to amend this assessment, particularly as it is contradicted by such an abundance of easily accessible evidence in the public domain, which has been previously shared with the IRM during their review, and as it seems to be the sole basis for the IRM’s conclusion that the development of the plan did not meet the minimum requirements.

Finally, we request that this response be published in full alongside the final version of the report. Please let us know if you have any questions or require any further information in regard to this response.