

- ✓ **The Open Budget Index 2023 for Jamaica remains stable at 50 points.** Budget documentation is comprehensive and fulfils 9/12 elements, including all 4 basic elements. The Executive Budget Proposal includes the following documents: Estimates of Expenditure; Jamaica Public Bodies Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure; Fiscal Policy Paper; Medium Term Debt Management Strategy; Public Sector Consolidated Estimates of Expenditure; Revenue Estimates; Tax Expenditure Statement; Opening Budget Speech.
- ✓ The budget for FY2024/25 published on April 12, 2024. The delay in Jamaica's 24/25 Appropriation Act (Budget) was primarily due to an error where statutory expenditures were inadvertently included, which was not in accordance with constitutional provisions. This mistake necessitated additional time to correct the issue, leading to the postponement of the Act's finalisation. The Minister of Finance, through his budget speech on March 12, 2024 marked the start of the budget debate; this was followed by interventions by the Opposition Spokesman on finance and planning, by the Leader of the Opposition, by the Prime Minister and ended with the Minister of Finance closing budget speech.
- ✓ **The entry point is considered to be met as the Executive's budget proposal for FY2024/25 was published and presented to Parliament and enacted in April 2024, albeit being 12 days delayed. All the budget documents and are publicly available free of cost on the Ministry of Finance website: <http://www.mof.gov.jm/budget>**

In conclusion, the relevant budget documentation has been published and the eligibility criterion is met.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The Overall Objective of this action is to contribute to the improvement of Citizen Security in CSP target communities⁶.

The Specific Objectives of this action are:

- 1 Jamaica society is safer, more inclusive and resilient with emphasis on right base approach, paving the way for more and safer investments;
- 2 To improve protection of women, men, girls and boys in all their diversity from all forms of gender-based violence in the public and private spheres.

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives are:

Induced outputs (Some outputs have 2 numbers as they are considered to contribute to both objectives):

- 1.1 Strengthen governance, coordination and capacity for successful CSP implementation.
- 1.2 Improved violence and crime reduction through improved data management and reduced recidivism of offenders and improved reintegration into society
- 2.1 Increased availability of safe and gender sensitive spaces less prone to crime and violence including safe passages from and to school
- 1.3 / 2.2 Increased knowledge and skills of children and youth to be leveraged to reduce risk and enhance protection from involvement crime and violence

Direct outputs:

- 1.4 Additional fiscal space and predictability of funds for crime and violence prevention interventions and specifically for the implementation of the Citizen Security Plan.

⁶ The geographic scope of the CSP in order of priority is: a. Category 1- All declared Zones of Special Operation; b. Category 2- 20 most vulnerable and volatile communities that are not ZOSOs based on the CRP's vulnerability and volatility index. c. Category 3- All other vulnerable and volatile communities based on CRP's index.