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	Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>12. Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2021-14.020141-C1-INTPA  Total estimated cost: EUR 1.5 million Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 1.5 million			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing<sup>1</sup></b>	Direct management through Procurement Indirect management with Jamaica			
<b>14. Type of measure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility <input type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society			

## 1.2. Summary of the Action

Jamaica is an upper middle-income country and the largest in size and population in the English speaking Caribbean. Jamaica's economy is characterized by modest economic growth (1.89% in 2018; 0.91% in 2019), high public debt (105.6% of GDP in 2020) and exposure to external shocks. The country's economic development is hampered by several development challenges including poverty rates (12.69% in 2018), inequalities, high youth unemployment and high levels of crime, vulnerability to disasters caused by natural events despite being relatively rich in natural resources, high levels of school enrolment and a strong and vibrant tourism sector.

The EU and Jamaica have a strong and long-standing relationship of partnership and cooperation, with the EU standing as Jamaica's largest provider of official development assistance.

It is against this background that the programme aims to contribute to the implementation of Government of Jamaica's development agenda. The Specific Objectives of this action are to provide support to the effective preparation/formulation, implementation and management of the EU-Jamaica cooperation and to increase public knowledge of the EU cooperation with Jamaica while enhancing the capacities of the Government and relevant stakeholders to efficiently implement national development objectives, through strategic communication and public diplomacy activities. To this end, the proposed project has the following expected results:

Result 1: Effective and timely identification, formulation, implementation of the priorities of the GOJ-EU Cooperation Programme, including in support to regulatory convergence with the EU and other EU priorities/policies

Result 2: Improved capacity of the Government of the Jamaica (GOJ) and other stakeholders in the effective preparation, management and oversight of GOJ-EU Cooperation Programme and in the implementation of the national development objectives, of the EU-Cariforum Economic Partnership Agreement and other international commitments.

Result 3: Strengthened networks and increased awareness, understanding and approval of the EU's cooperation, political and economic partnership with Jamaica, and its role in the region and world, including through the Team Europe approach, through strategic communication and public diplomacy activities about the EU and the key policies and priorities in our relationship.

This action will include among other things funding for technical assistance, capacity development and institutional strengthening measures, strategic communication, research and studies, training, conference and other related activities.

<sup>1</sup> Art. 27 NDICI