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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line (s) (article, item): 14.020141 Total estimated cost: EUR 8,800,000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 8,800,000 of which EUR 6,600,000 for budget support and EUR 2,200,000 for complementary support including audit/evaluation.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Budget Support: Sector Reform Performance Contract - Grants - Procurement			

1.2 Summary of the Action

<p>Jamaica has a long-standing issue with high homicide rates and other violent crimes, consistently ranking among the highest in the world. Violence is heavily concentrated in specific areas and its drivers are multifaceted, including gangs, social norms accepting violence as conflict resolution, intimate partner violence, and harsh parenting techniques. The pervasive impact of trauma, especially among the youth, exacerbates these issues. Factors such as early exposure to violence, low educational achievement, limited employment opportunities, and lack of community and family protective factors contribute to the cycle of violence.</p> <p>The action supports the Government of Jamaica's efforts to create a safer, more inclusive society, addressing the root causes of violence and promoting gender equality. It aims to contribute to safer communities, reduce crime and violence, in particular gender-based violence (GBV), and improve the overall security landscape in Jamaica by fostering coordination among various stakeholders, improving governance and capacity, and providing targeted interventions for vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Coordination is required from various stakeholders, including government ministries, civil society organizations, the private sector, and international partners. Key government bodies involved are the Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Education and Youth, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Planning Institute of Jamaica among others. Civil society and women's organizations play crucial roles in advocacy and service delivery.</p> <p>The Action aligns with Vision 2030 Jamaica, National Security Policy, Plan Secure Jamaica, and directly support the implementation of the second phase of the Citizen Security Plan along with sectoral plans to respond to violence against children and gender-based violence. It builds on and the progress and achievements of the Spotlight Initiative and on the existing dialogue with Ministries Departments and Agencies, including the Bureau of Gender Affairs. In addition to budget support it will provide technical assistance to enhance mainstreaming of gender and disability approach and capacities and interventions. Support to civil society will strengthen the women's movement as a vital arm to advocate and address matters related to GBV as a public health concern and as directly related to citizen's security.</p>
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¹ For more information, please consult: The European Commission inequality marker - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu) and Inequality Marker – Complementary Guidelines Application of the I-Marker to SSC fiches and Action Documents | Capacity4dev (europa.eu)