



"Reducing Small Arms & Light Weapons in Jamaica – SALIENT JAMAICA Joint Programme"

**Project Overview** 

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

#### What is SALIENT?

 The Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) Fund was established by The Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support catalytic activities in operationalizing and mainstreaming small-arms control in development efforts and policies. SALIENT has been set up within the Peacebuilding Fund and will support multi-year, cross-sectional, sustainable assistance to joint programmes to be implemented in countries most affected by illicit small arms. Jamaica has been selected as one of two pilot countries to benefit from SALIENT to support the advancement of its safety and security programme.

# Why is the SALIENT Project needed?

 Data shows that the firearm is the primary implement used to commit homicides in Jamaica. As of 2019, the percentage of homicides committed with a firearm was reported to be approximately 80%; this average has remained constant since 2015. Illicit firearms have been used to fuel organized criminal related activities, which have resulted in most of the homicides and violence concentrated in urban inner-city areas and rural townships across five (5) of the country's fourteen (14) parishes.

#### How?

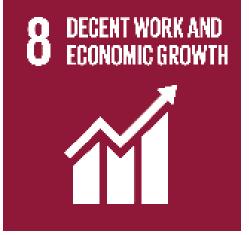
• In confirming Jamaica's selection as one of the pilot countries, a mission was conducted with key stakeholders. The mission's objective was to support the development of this safety and security programme aimed at addressing illicit small arms and reducing crime and violence. Small arms in this context represents the category of firearms, parts/components for weapons and ammunition designed for personal use.













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## SALIENT JAMAICA Joint Programme

#### OBJECTIVE(S)

 Address the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons in Jamaica, as well as specific social and behavioural factors which are directly linked to the prevalence of violence and violent crimes among vulnerable populations.

#### **ALIGNMENT**

- Vision 2030 National Goal 2 the Jamaican Society is Secure and Just
- UN MSDCF Outcome 7 -Regional and national laws, policies, systems, and institutions improve access to justice and promote peace, social cohesion, and security
- SDGs 1, 3, 5, 8, 11 and 16

### **Programme Overview**

Project Duration	1 January 2022 — 31 December 2022 12 Months
Total Project Budget	Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) Fund USD \$498,295
Gender Marker	GEN <sub>2</sub>
UNDP SESP Category	Low Risk

#### Joint Programme Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

The joint programme
(JP) will be
implemented by four
UN Agencies with
oversight from the
Resident
Coordinator's Office:

- UNDP
- UNODC
- UNLIREC
- UNESCO

In collaboration with:

- PIOJ
- MNS
- MOEY
- Jamaica Customs Agency

# **Project Components**

- Undertaking the requisite
  legislative review and
  development of required
  national strategies while
  building the capacity of local
  law enforcement agencies.
- research to support more targeted violence prevention and reduction programmes in at-risk communities.

- Strengthening the capacity among stakeholders who interface with at-risk youth in schools.
- Strengthening the capacity of law enforcement and criminal justice institutions to reduce access to illegal small arms and light weapons.

# PROJECT OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

#### Outcome 1:

Control of small arms is improved and access to firearms and ammunition is reduced

Output 1.1: Improved legislative and institutional framework to regulate access to firearms, their parts and ammunition, in line with relevant regional and international instruments informed by a gender analysis

Activity 1.1.1: Legislative review (including gender analysis) of Jamaica's national legislation related to firearms, their parts and ammunition, to counter the illicit trafficking of firearms

Activity 1.1.2: comprehensive review of the existing National Control System for the regulation of firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

Activity 1.1.3: Development of a National Small Arms Control Strategy

Activity 1.1.4 Support to the ratification of the CIFTA

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JP Output 1.2
Capacitydevelopment of law
enforcement and
criminal justice
institutions and
cross-border
corporation
strengthened

Activity 1.2.1: Enhance interdiction training at entry, exit and/or transit points (law enforcement and control authorities)

Activity 1.2.2: Enhance interdiction training at maritime and seaports (law enforcement and control authorities)

Activity 1.2.3: Support a comprehensive assessment of detection capabilities and processes at the international airports

Activity 1.2.4: Provide a comprehensive package of capacity building activities to AIRCOP and CCP task forces

# Outcome 2: Populations at-risk benefit from armed violence prevention/reduction programmes

#### Output 2.1:

Transformative gendermainstreamed agendas tackling root causes and effects of armed violence are advanced Activity 2.1.1: Conduct comprehensive violence audit in Norwood and Denham Town

Activity 2.1.2: 1-2 Day Classroom Behavior Management Seminar for educators

Activity 2.1.3: Life skills training workshops for male students and at -risk youth

Activity 2.1.4: Prevention of the entry of arms into schools



# THANK YOU!