



EUROPEAN UNION – JAMAICA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	EUROPEAN INSTRUMENT FOR DEMOCRACY & HUMAN RIGHTS (EIDHR) COUNTRY BASED SUPPORT SCHEME: WE WANT JUSTICE*
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Sector	Human Rights	Budget (J \$)	Total project cost: J \$ EU contribution : J \$
Location	Jamaica	Budget (€equiv.)	Total project cost: €335,000. EU contribution : €290, 000.
Start Date (Est.)	January 2010	End date (Est.)	April 2012

Implemented by	Dispute Resolution Foundation
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Objective	The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of communities and civil society organisations in Jamaica to put structures in place for improved justice administration, and the promotion of rights and democratic governance through alternative dispute resolution options.
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Description
<p>The project aims to advance democratic rights through alternative dispute resolution (ADR), mainly mediation and arbitration, providing services, capacity building training to strengthen communities' local justice systems and to empower community members to take control of their lives in order to enhance national security, justice, rights and good governance.</p> <p>The project will undertake a comprehensive public education programme through the use of symposiums/town hall meetings, electronic media and consultations as tools for effective public education and the promotion of rights and responsibilities and of alternative means of accessing justice. This effort will promote formal systems of access to justice and at the same time promote alternative avenues of redress. Target areas are Spanish Town, Kingston and St. Andrew, May Pen, Granville and Flankers in St. James.</p>

Results
<p>Project implementation began in January 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sensitization sessions on conflict resolution and mediation trainings have been held for judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Lay Magistrates Association and community members. Notably, 22 leaders from the area of sports and culture were exposed to ADR as alternate strategy for resolving conflicts. - Town Hall meetings geared at introducing and promoting mediation were held in May Pen and Spanish Town where frank and open discussions involving community members and the police were had. Participants were made aware of the DRF Mediation Centres within their communities through these meetings. Skilled persons within the communities gave commitments to volunteer at the Peace and Justice Centres. Police Officers in one community revealed that they regularly sent persons to the DRF to mediate conflicts. <p>The project was recently granted a no-cost time extension to the end of April 2012.</p>

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