



**VPA  
JAMAICA  
IN 2017**

**PART ONE: SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**



# VPA OBJECTIVES

To support the promotion of primary prevention of violence, integrated community development and public education.

To increase collaboration and exchange of information between organisations on violence prevention

To lobby for the integration of violence prevention into social and educational policies, thereby enhancing the promotion of gender and social equality

# MAJOR LONG TERM SUCCESSES - 1

The Learning Networks Programme. Designed to help at-risk students, it:

- provides online software to improve literacy and mathematical skills, while simultaneously teaching computer skills.
- improves self esteem, job skills of youths and creates positive attitudes in innercity youths.

Since 2006 this programme has provided an opportunity to obtain skills training through the HEART Trust/NTA as it prepares participants to pass the entrance examination. **The best programme has had a 90% pass rate for HEART Grade 9 entrance examination.** Others have also done well.

The 10 Centres are:

1. Holy Network, 66-68 Barry Street, Kingston
2. Kingston Young Men Christian Association (YMCA), 21 Hope Road, Kingston 10
3. Child Resiliency, 221 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6
4. Admiral Town Police Station, Kingston 5.
5. Women's Outreach Centre (WROC), 47 Beechwood Ave, Kingston 5.
6. Boys Town, 6 Collie Smith Drive, Kingston
7. Rose Town Community Centre, 13 Tobias Street, Kingston
8. Rose Town Library, 11 Duff Street, Kingston
9. Children First, 8-10 Adelaide Street, Spanish Town, St. Catherine
10. Yallahs Baptist Church, St Thomas

# MAJOR LONG TERM SUCCESSES - 2

The Child Resiliency Programme (CRP). Designed to identify and support children age 8-12 years who are at risk of behavioural or emotional problems, or are displaying the following high-risk behaviours:

- ✓ reading below grade level;
- ✓ cigarette, drug or alcohol use;
- ✓ delinquency, excessive fighting, violence;
- ✓ inappropriate sexual behaviour;
- ✓ have suffered sexual, physical, emotional abuse or neglect

CRP is an afterschool programme for 4th/5th grade students identified by the teachers/guidance counsellors. It provides:

- ✓ academic support;
- ✓ life skills;
- ✓ sports and nutrition;
- ✓ creative expression, and
- ✓ parenting and family support.

The centres are in Kingston at Hope United Church, Hope Rd near Papine, and the YMCA. **In the older centre, there has been a 100% high school graduation rate and a 75% reduction in fights in high risk students.**

# MAJOR LONG TERM SUCCESSES - 3

## POLICY SUPPORT

- Development of the Crime and Violence Integrated System, arising from the Crime Observatory Project, spearheaded by VPI.

This system integrates data about crime and violence from several organisations including the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), the University of the West Indies (UWI) Institute for Criminal Justice and Security (ICJS) and is being used to develop community safety action plans.

- Support for the Peace Management Initiative (PMI).

VPA has worked in support of PMI since its inception. Recently it has supported the intervention strategy for high-risk youth which is now part of the Violence Interruptors package being rolled out by the PMI in St. Catherine and St. James, through the Ministry of National Security. Violence Interruption, and the Prevention of its further spread, uses a model developed by the PMI (Kingston). The VPA participated in several meetings to promote and discuss the strengthening of the PMI-Kingston model. **The reduction in homicides in intervention communities has been as high as 86%.**

# PARTNERS

## LONG TERM

### TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ University of the West Indies

### GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES/AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS

- ❖ Ministry of Health
- ❖ Ministry of National Security
- ❖ Ministry of Education
- ❖ Jamaica Constabulary Force

### CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- ❖ PMI
- ❖ Children First
- ❖ Dispute Resolution Foundation
- ❖ Medical Association of Jamaica
- ❖ Nurses Association of Jamaica

### UN AGENCIES

- ❖ PAHO/WHO
- ❖ UNICEF

## SHORT TERM/PROJECT-BASED

### TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ University of Technology

### GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES/AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS

- ❖ Jamaica Defence Force
- ❖ Planning Institute of Jamaica
- ❖ Social Development Commission
- ❖ Office of the Child Advocate
- ❖ Child Development Agency

### CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- ❖ WMW (formerly Woman's Media Watch)
- ❖ Caribbean Child Development Centre
- ❖ Area Youth Foundation
- ❖ Representatives from the Private Sector, Youth Organisations, Sports Fraternity, Community-based Organisations and the Church (Faith-based Organisations)

### UN AGENCIES

- ❖ UNDP
- ❖ UN WOMEN

# FUNDERS

## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- ❑ The University of the West Indies
- ❑ The Cecil Boswell Facey Foundation
  - ❑ Lime Foundation
  - ❑ Jamaica National Foundation
  - ❑ Jamaica Money Market Brokers
  - ❑ Jamaica Teas Ltd. •
    - ❑ WISYNCO
- ❑ The University Hospital of the West Indies

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- ❑ Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
- ❑ US Agency for International Development (USAID)
  - ❑ World Bank/JAVA
- ❑ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - ❑ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
    - ❑ Small Arms Survey (Geneva)
- ❑ UK Department for International Development (DIFID)
  - ❑ Pan American Development Foundation (PADF)
- ❑ Paddington Recreation Grounds Tennis Enthusiasts (UK)
  - ❑ Comic Relief (UK)
    - ❑ Action on Armed Violence (AOVA)
- ❑ St. Andrews University and the Scotland Government
  - ❑ WHO Violence and Injury Division
- ❑ Czech Republic Development Corporation

# SUGGESTED STRENGTHS OF VPA

1. Understanding and promotion of violence prevention as emphatically possible, but requiring a multi-faceted, multi-pronged approach to be sustainable.
2. Promotion of the value of evidence-based approach/use of data to fully understand violence and how to prevent it.
3. Necessity of partnership and collaboration if violence prevention is to be achieved.
4. Public information and education including training





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**PART TWO: PLAN FOR 2017 - SELECTIONS**

# TYPES OF VIOLENCE TO BE DEALT WITH

1. Gender-based violence (GBV)

2. Youth violence (YV)

3. Community Violence (CV)

# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- Develop guidelines for identification, referral and training for personnel providing service to victims of sexual assault and child abuse.
- Conduct women's community safety audits in 13 communities
- Expand the previous sexual assault and intimate partner study at CISOCA to the Kingston West Police Division to capture information through questionnaires on sexual and child abuse reported to police stations in the Division.
- Set up CAMP Bustamante model at CRH (Camp Cornwall) to identify and treat abused children and give parental support.
- Establish a framework for stakeholder analysis and resource mapping of Gender-based Violence and Youth Development Service Providers.

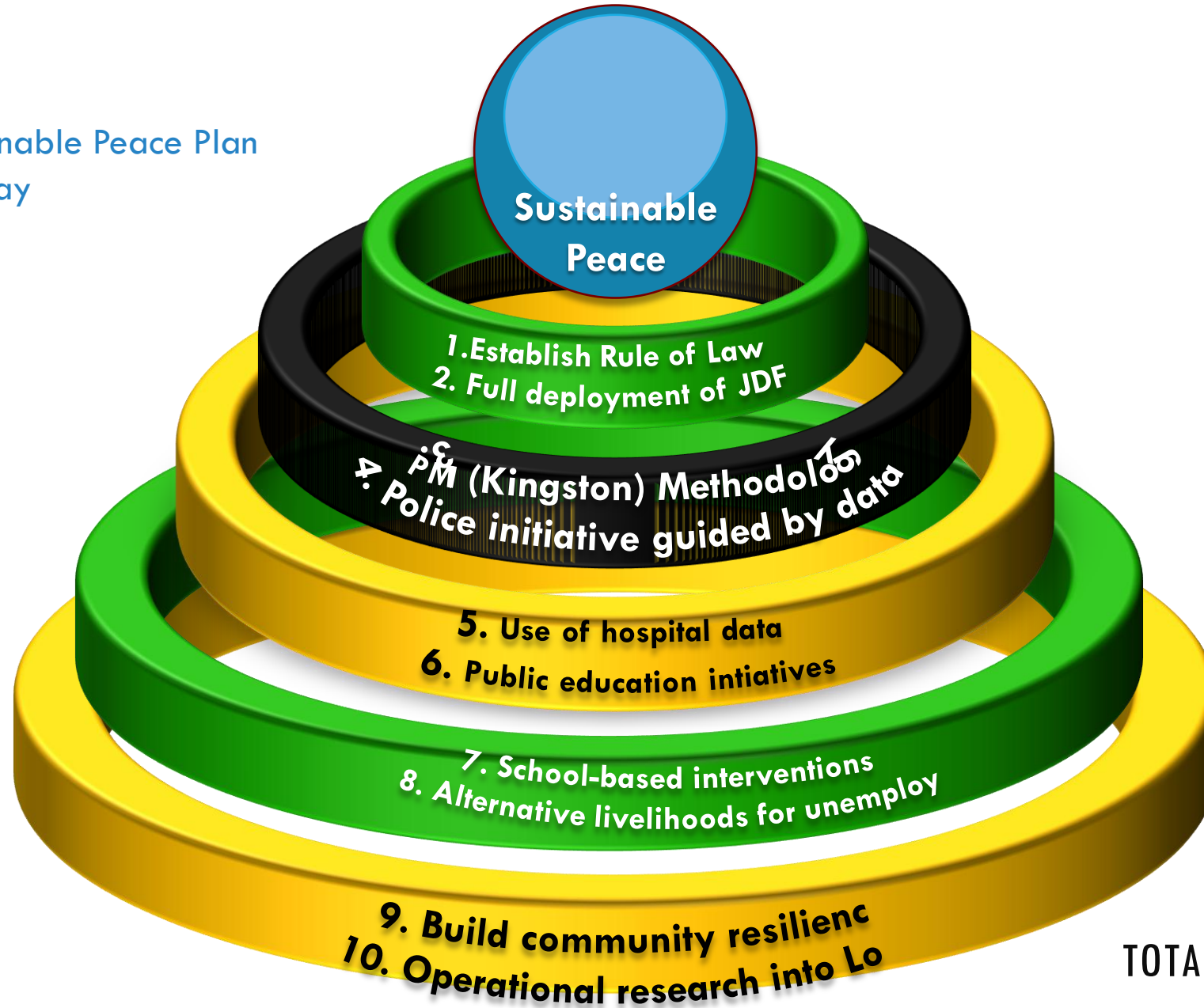
# YOUTH VIOLENCE

- Expand and upgrade 4 new Learning Network locations for at-risk youth on the street.
- Develop training and entrepreneurship strategies at these locations for at-risk youth as a means of staying out, or transitioning out of, violence.
- Work with PMI to train interrupters and outreach workers, including social workers, for Montego Bay
- Survey school students and personnel to determine requirements to attain international safe and healthy school standards. Analyze and disseminate results to support government policy decisions
- Expand Child Resiliency Programme for at risk youth at YMCA, Boy's Town, Trench town and Falmouth.
- Assess the effects of decriminalization of ganja on youth by setting up a surveillance system in the courts.

# COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

- Implement asset based mapping /major crimes and VRI mapping in 12 CSJP communities.
- Strengthen the geospatial analysis of VRI and major crime data:
  - ✓ creating a central repository for these data,
  - ✓ setting up system of access by key stakeholders,
  - ✓ training key stakeholders in the analysis and utilization of key data.
- Implement Participatory Action Research in selected communities as part of a safe communities multi country study encompassing Columbia, Honduras, Mexico, Jamaica.
- Develop sensitization training strategies for community health aides.
- Comprehensive initiative to deal with violence in Montego Bay (see diagram on following slide).

10 point Sustainable Peace Plan  
For Montego Bay



TOTAL COST = \$235M JMD

# GENERAL VIOLENCE

- Complete the cost of care analysis of violence related injuries and road traffic crashes in 7 hospitals and provide risk mapping and data for policy development creating a central repository for these data.
- Host a forum in June to discuss findings, provide maps and disseminate information to stakeholders and policymakers.
- Monitor and contribute to the Pathfinder Country Project to end Violence against Children.

## Goal 2 – Accelerated Action

### INSPIRE

7 Strategies to end violence against children



Implementation and enforcement of laws



Norms and value change



Safe environments



Parental and caregiver support



Income strengthening



Response and support services



Education and life skills

**Jamaica designated as Pathfinder country to End Violence Against Children- Nov 24, 2016**



## Goal 2 – Accelerated Action

### Country-Level Engagement



The strategy envisages that a group of pathfinder countries will make a central contribution to the partnership, based on their wish to be leaders in ending violence against children and delivering SDG16.2 and related targets.



Cambodia



El Salvador



Indonesia



Jamaica



Mexico



Paraguay



Philippines



Romania



Sri Lanka



Sweden



Tanzania