



NATIONAL
PLAN
OF ACTION

Integrated
Response
to Children
& Violence

2018 - 2023

IF WE ARE TO TEACH REAL PEACE
IN THIS WORLD, AND IF WE ARE TO
CARRY ON A REAL WAR AGAINST WAR,
WE SHALL HAVE TO BEGIN
WITH THE CHILDREN.

Mahatma Gandhi

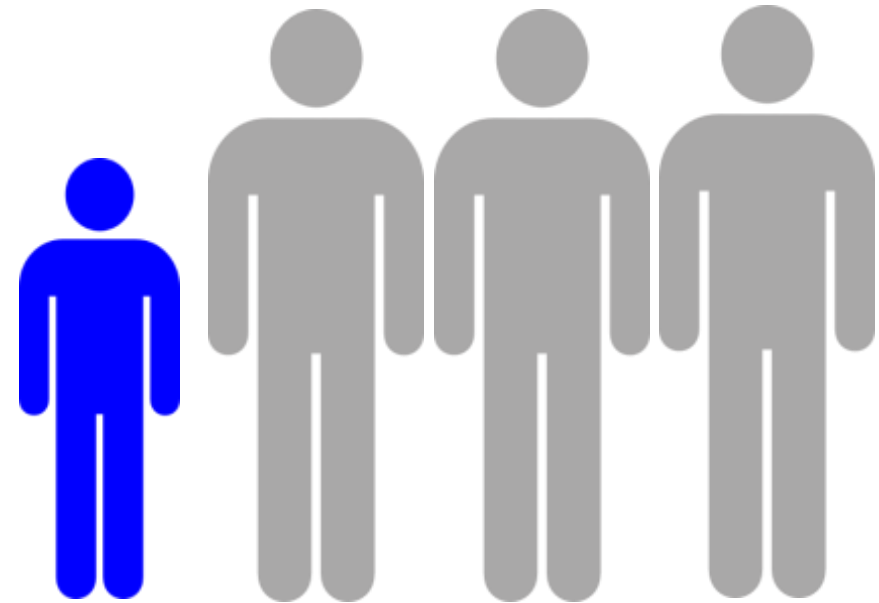
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Analysis of Violence Against Children

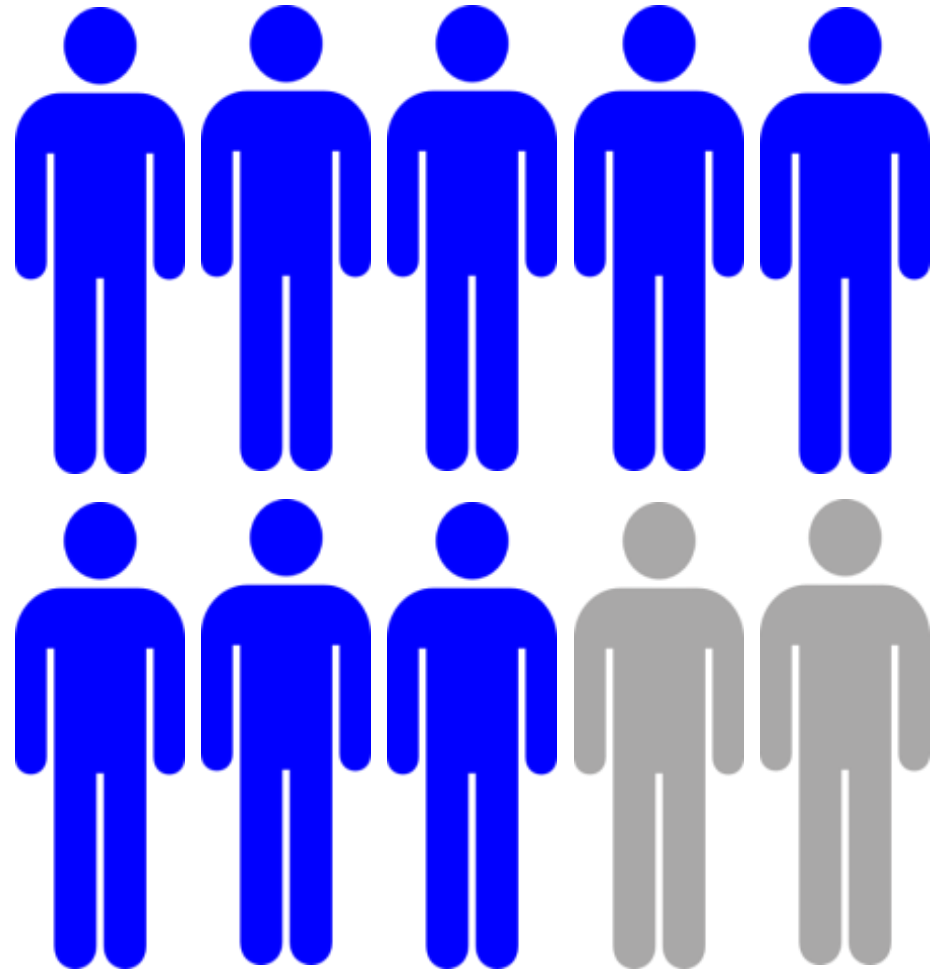
24%

of Violence-Related Injuries
in major Jamaican hospitals
are **CHILDREN**



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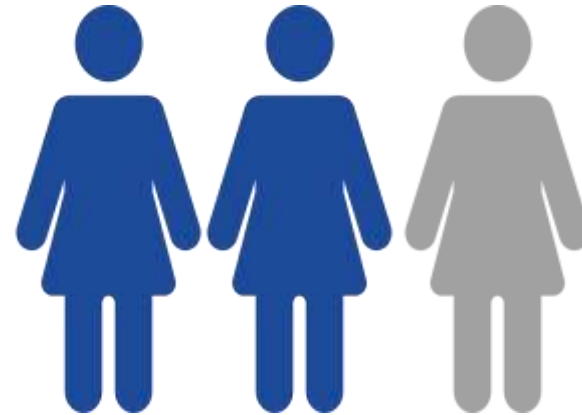
8 out of 10
children ages 2-4
experience some form
of violent discipline



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66%

of sexual assaults in 2015
were committed against
children



Situational Analysis of Jamaican Children: UNICEF 2018

- 85% of children under age 15 experience violent discipline (physical or psychological) at home
- 6% of children under age 15 are subjected to severe corporal punishment (5 times higher among children from the poorest households)
- 190,000 children live in poverty
- 38,000 children aged 5 – 17 are engaged in child labour
- 1 in 4 adolescent girls aged 15 – 19 have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime

- 65% of children say they have been bullied
- 70% of those bullied said it occurred on the playground

(Investigating the Prevalence and Impact of Peer Abuse (Bullying) on the Development of Children in Jamaica: UNICEF/Child Development Agency 2015)

- 10 in every 1000 children subject of a child abuse and maltreatment report
- 6 in every 1000 children in child protection

The National Plan (NPACV)

- Builds on the significant existing work done.
- Coordinate action, achieve goals and track results.
- In alignment with:
 - Vision 2030
 - Sustainable Development Goals





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY 	2 NO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY 	8 GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE AND JUSTICE 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

16 PEACE AND JUSTICE



GOAL 16 TARGETS

16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere

16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children

16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice

16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows

16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

16.8 Strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance

16.9 By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms

16.11 Strengthen relevant national institutions

16.12 Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development



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**End Violence
Against Children**

THE GLOBAL **PARTNERSHIP**



End Violence Against Children

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

- ✓ Raise awareness of the importance of delivering SDG16.2
- ✓ **Strengthening the political will** that is needed for delivery of ambitious, **evidence-based policies and programmes**
- ✓ Strengthen the case for **prevention** and **response** to violence
- ✓ **What works** to keep children safe
- ✓ Work to end violence in countries in all regions and among all income groups **through Pathfinder Countries**

Pathfinder Countries



Countries chosen to be leaders in ending violence against children



Cambodia



El Salvador



Indonesia



Jamaica



Mexico



Paraguay



Philippines



Romania



Sri Lanka



Sweden



Tanzania

Jamaica: A Pathfinder Country

- Jamaica was designated a Pathfinder Country in 2016
- **Commitment** to accelerate achievement of the End Violence goals
- **Effective engagement** of partners at all levels
- A clear **focus on prevention** of violence against children
- **Co-ordination** of different levels of service delivery and the importance of consolidating protection efforts across vulnerable groups



Pathfinder Launch, November 2016

Jamaica's Response

- Faced with increasing levels of violence against children and under the commitment of accelerated action, the Jamaican government decided to review existing interventions, policies and legislation to enable greater combined action for children.
- The National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence was therefore guided by the INSPIRE strategies
- A High level Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee on Children and Violence and Technical Working Group convened
- Consultations across all sectors and ages to update the existing plan and create a national road map

INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence against Children

Implementation and enforcement of laws



Norms and values



Safe environments



Parent and caregiver support



Income and economic strengthening



Response and support services



Education and life skills



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Goal

To create and maintain a protective environment, supportive and responsive to the issues of children and violence.



OBJECTIVE

- To reduce the impact of violence on children through an integrated approach of prevention, mitigation of and improved response to violence against children so that children may preserve their rights and grow to be productive citizens of Jamaica

OUTCOMES

1. Strengthened policy, legal and regulatory frameworks to ensure the protection of children from all forms of violence and exploitation
2. Improved quality of and access to services, for children affected by violence
3. Strengthened family and community capacities to address issues related to children and violence
4. Enhanced and increase public education sensitization and training on violence prevention, the care of child victims of violence, and child rights
5. Establishment of an integrated framework for the effective coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the NPACV

Outcome 1: Strengthened Policy, Legal and Regulatory Framework to Ensure the Protection of Children from all Forms of Violence and Exploitation



**INSPIRE Strategy:
Implementation & enforcement
of laws**

Target:

The review or revision of specified laws, policies and plans within the stipulated timeframe to ensure the protection of children.

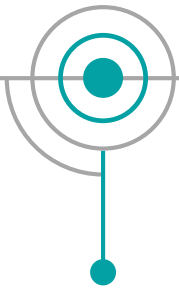
Headline Indicator

- Number of laws, policies, national plans of action and protocols developed or revised in line with the CRC to protect children from violence.

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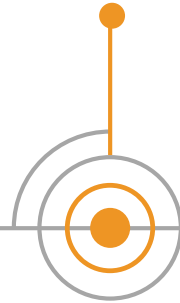


2018/19



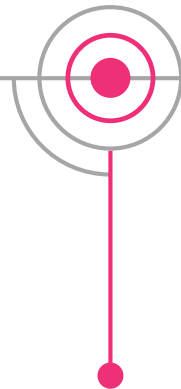
Child Care and Protection Act
Child Diversion Act
Corrections Act
Sexual Offences Act
National Safe Schools Policy

2019/20



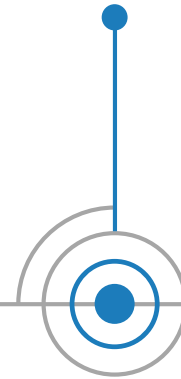
Education Act and Regulations
Offences Against the Person Act
Children's Home Regulations
Children (Adoption, of) Act
National Policy on Children
National Framework of Action for Children

2020/21



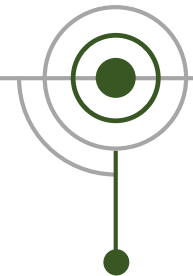
Child Labour Regulations - OHS Act
Victim's Charter
Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy

2021/ 22



Early Childhood Act and Regulations
Legislation targeting worst forms of child labour
Sexual Harassment Law

2022/23



Public Defender Act
Harmonisation of age(s) of consent

Outcome 2: Improved Quality of and Access to Services for Children Affected by Violence



INSPIRE Strategy: Response and Support Services

Target:

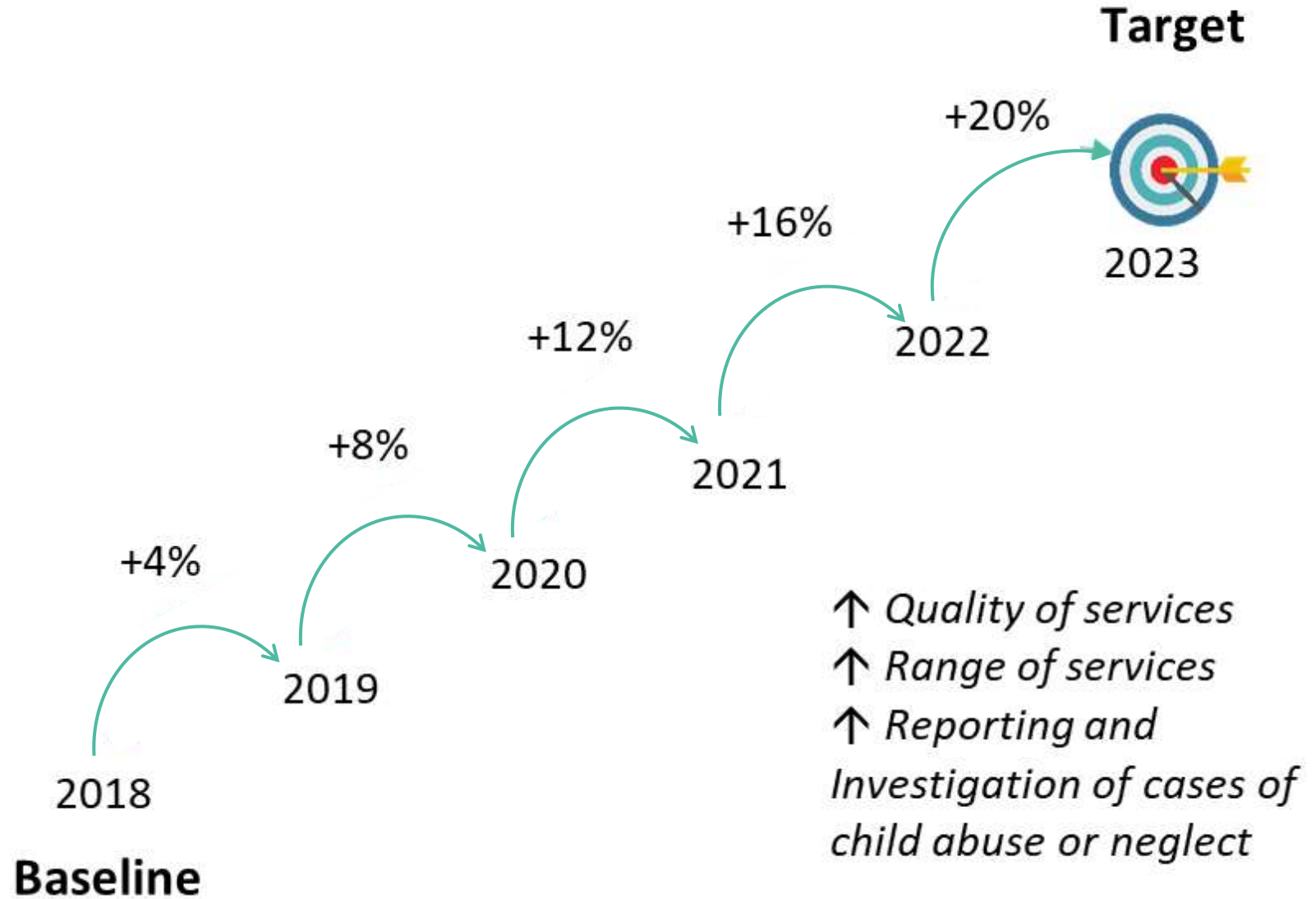
To increase by at least 20% the number of children accessing quality service (by type).

Note: Surveys to be done to gather baseline and progress data.

Headline Indicators

- Case worker to children in care ratio.
- Number of substantiated cases of violence against children during a 12 month period per 100,000 children.
- % of child victims referred to Reintegration or Psychological Support Services during a 12 month period.
- % of child victims who used Reintegration or Psychological Support Services during a 12-month period.
- % of clients (children and caregivers) reporting satisfaction with the quality of child protection services.

*# of Children
accessing
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services*



**Outcome 3: Family and Community Capacities
Strengthened to Address Children and Violence Issues**

INSPIRE Strategies:



Income and economic strengthening



Parent and caregiver support



Safe environments



Education and life skills



Norms and values

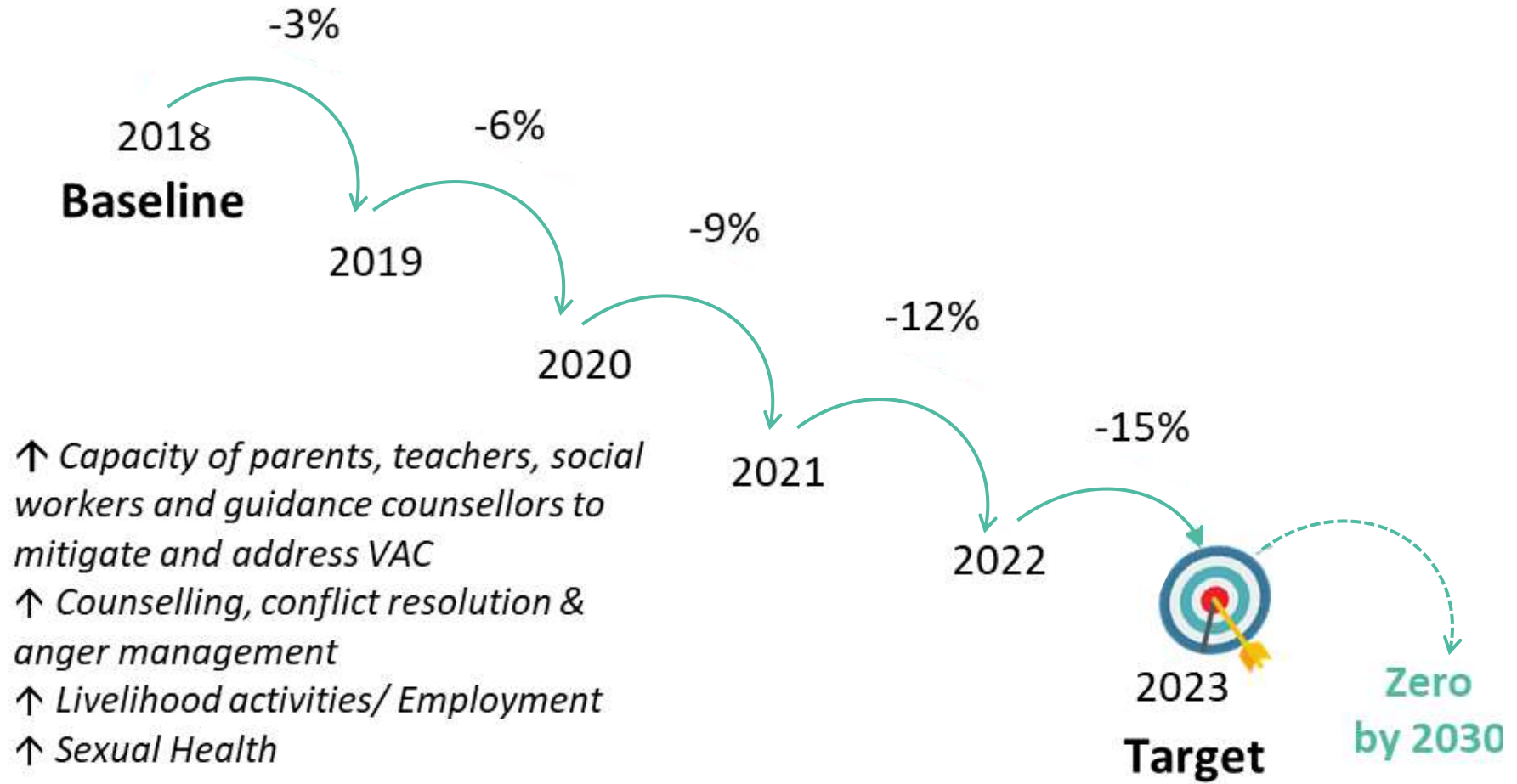
Target:

To reduce by 15% the number of reported cases of violence against children in targeted communities.

Headline Indicators

- Number of verified cases of violence against children
- Number of cases seen at hospital from JISS
- Number of families accessing services

Child Victims of Violence



Outcome 4: Enhanced Public Education, Sensitization and Training on Violence Prevention, the Care of Children Affected by Violence and Children's Rights

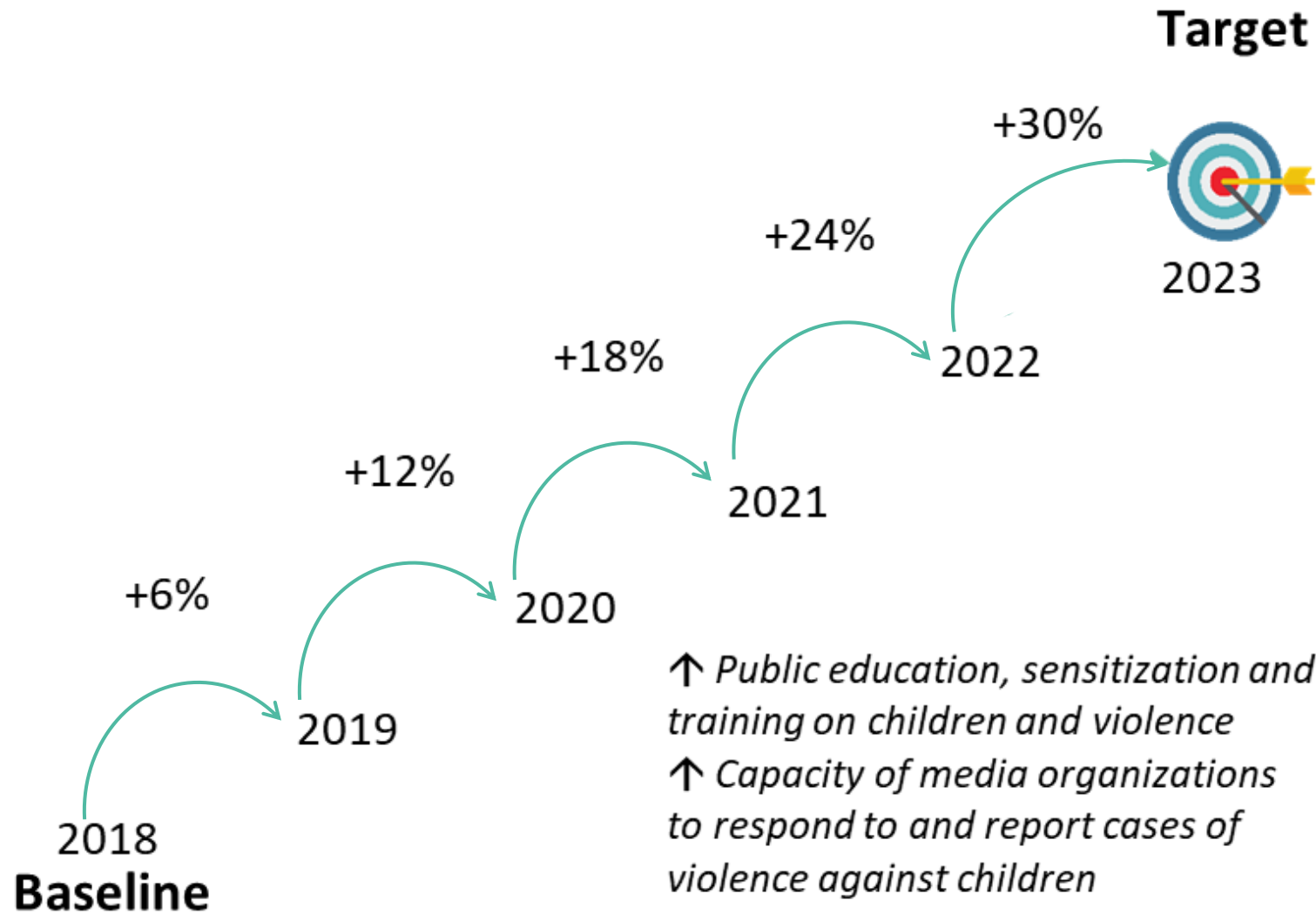
Target:

1. By 2023, 30% of the total adult population can name three rights that children are entitled to and three corresponding violence prevention strategies.
2. By 2023, 50% of child population can name three rights and three corresponding responsibilities to prevent violence.
3. Increase by 30% the awareness in the adult population of the link between corporal punishment and trauma as well as alternatives to violent discipline.

Headline Indicators

- Percentage of population can name three rights that children are entitled to and three corresponding violence prevention strategies.
- Percentage of children who can name three rights and three corresponding responsibilities to prevent violence

Public awareness of link between corporal punishment and trauma & alternative forms of non-violent discipline



Outcome 5: Integrated Framework for the Effective Coordination, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation of the NPACV

Target:

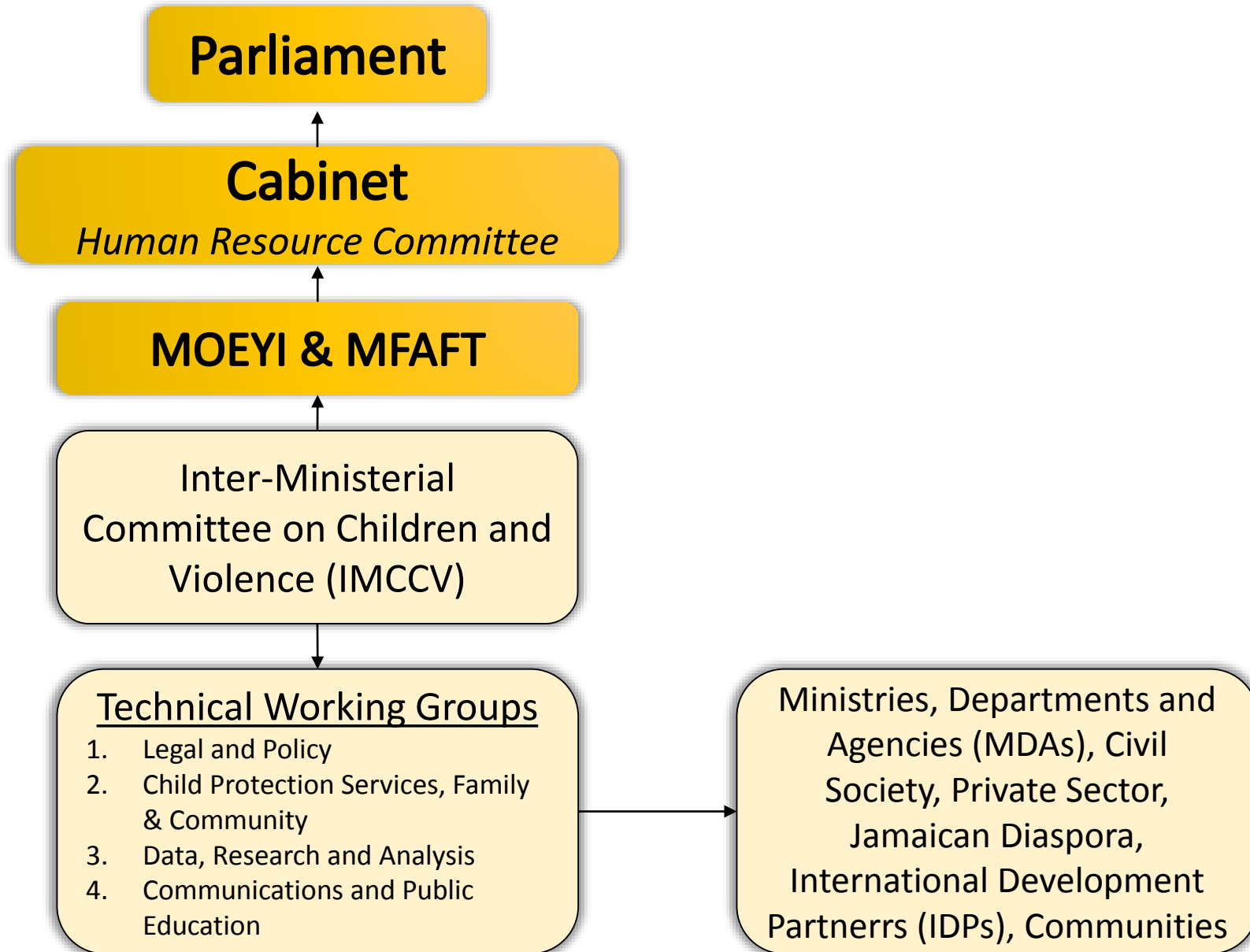
1. Multi-sector coordination mechanism established and operational by 2019 to ensure timely and effective implementation of the NPACV.
2. Increase by at least 5% per annum the budget allocated to children and violence.
3. Improve communication among child protection agencies and other MDA's.

Headline Indicators

- a) Multi-sector coordination mechanism established and operational
- b) Percentage of national budget allocated for the protection of children against violence
- c) Use of a common case management system



Coordination and Leadership



Financing

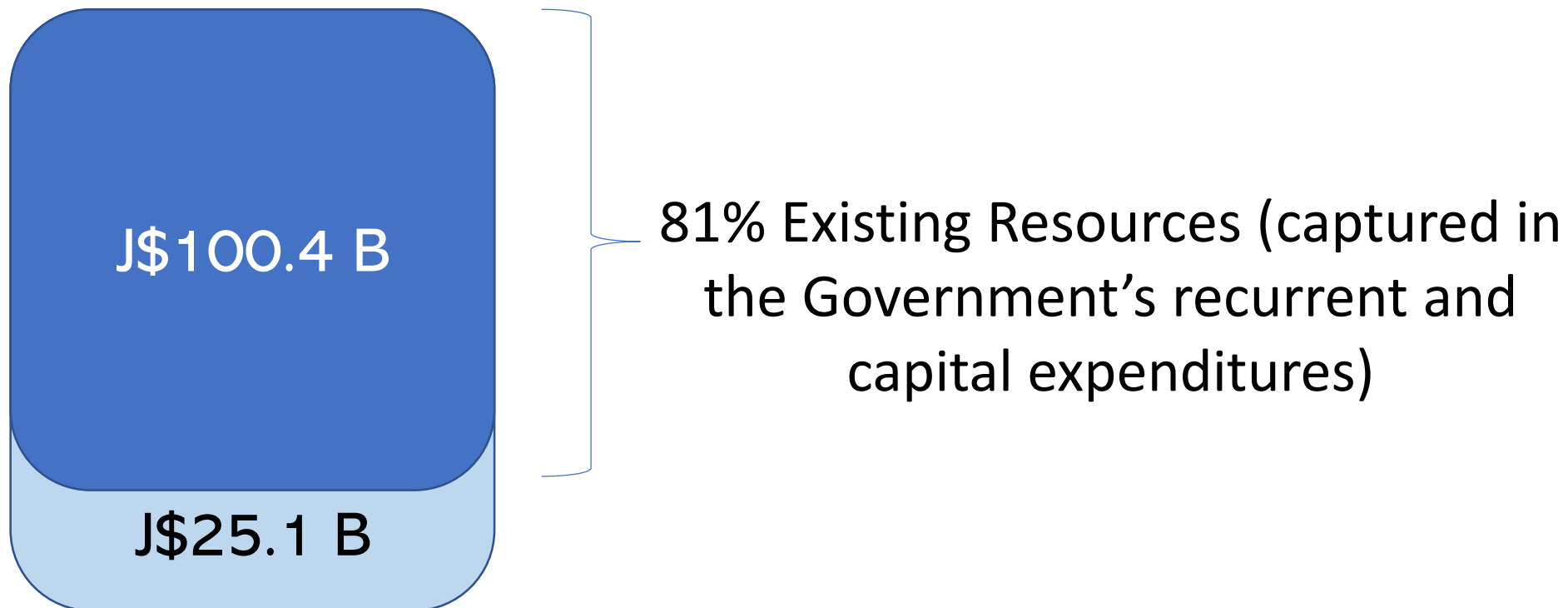
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Total Resources
NPACV 2018-2023

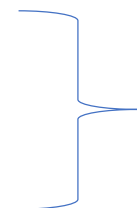
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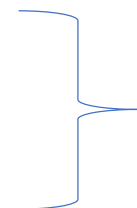
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19% Additional resources must be sourced

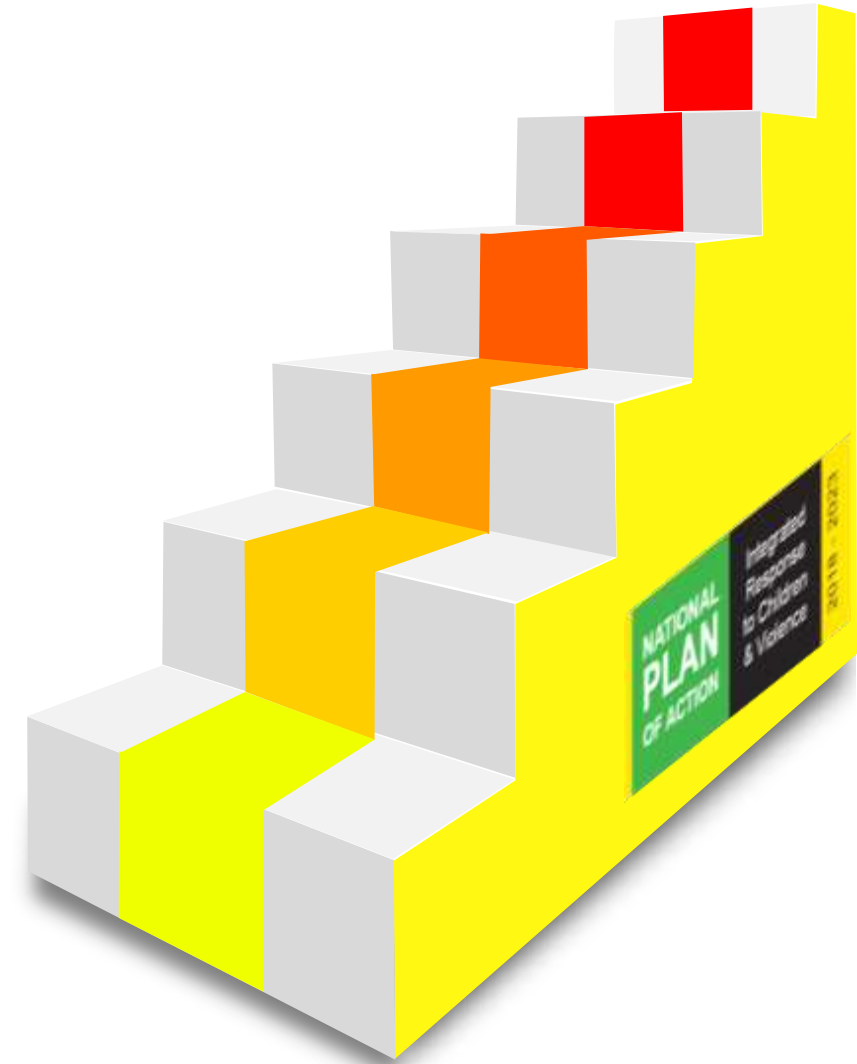
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Amounts **to J \$6,500 per child** per year

Local Best Practices for Building Resilient & Peaceful Jamaican Youth





REACHUP
PLAY ■ INTERACT ■ TALK ■ LEARN



Outcomes:

- Grade level attained
- Secondary level passes
- ↓ Expulsion from school
- ↓ depression and violent behaviour
- Income: **25%** higher



IRIE Tool Kit



Outcomes:

- ↓ Fights ES-0.69
- Improved behaviours
- ↓ conduct, hyperactive and peer problems
- Positive parent contact
- Other similar studies C/B \$2.52



IRIE Tool Kit



Outcomes:

- 67 % reduction in violence
- Positive parent contact increased
- Better classroom management skills



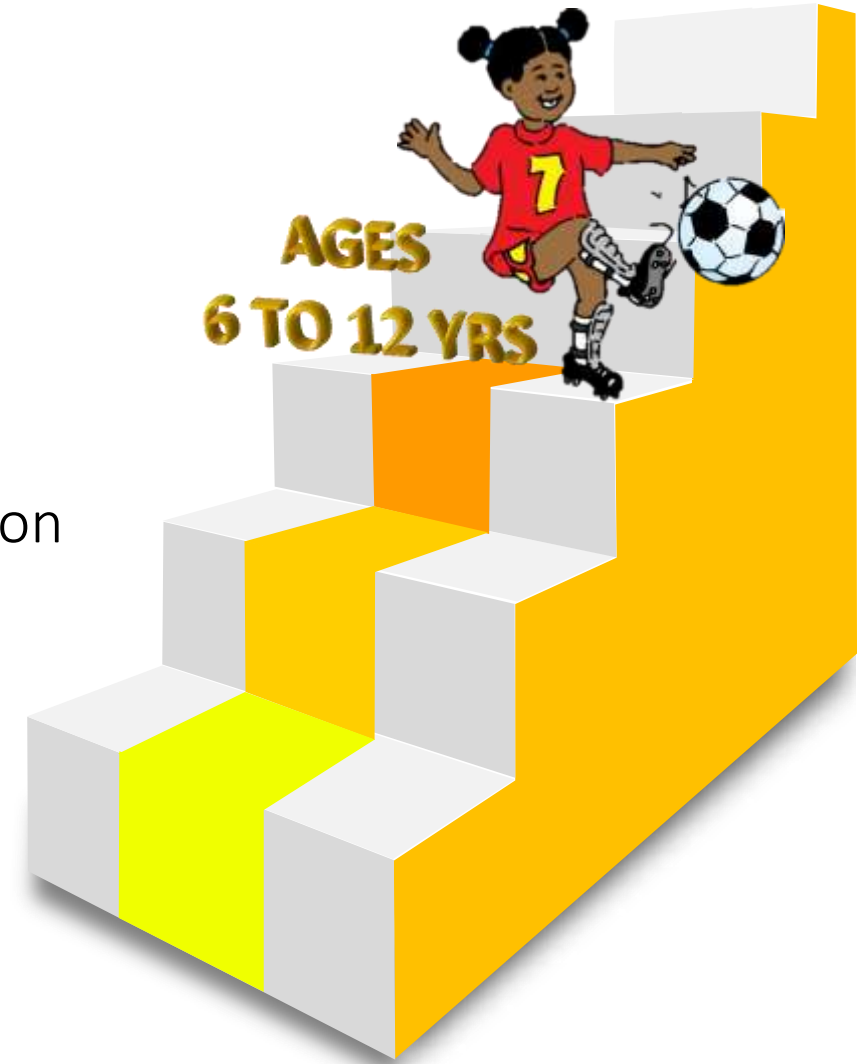
School-Wide Positive Behavioural Interventions & Supports

Building
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Resilient Jamaican
Youth



Outcomes:

- Reduction in behaviour problems
- Improvements in prosocial behaviour and effective emotion regulation after training in SWPBIS





CHILD RESILIENCY PROGRAMME

Building
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Youth



Outcomes:

- 100% graduation of students
- 75% fewer fights among the children
- 75% increased literacy
- 50% parent participation
- 85% of parents use non-violent forms of discipline

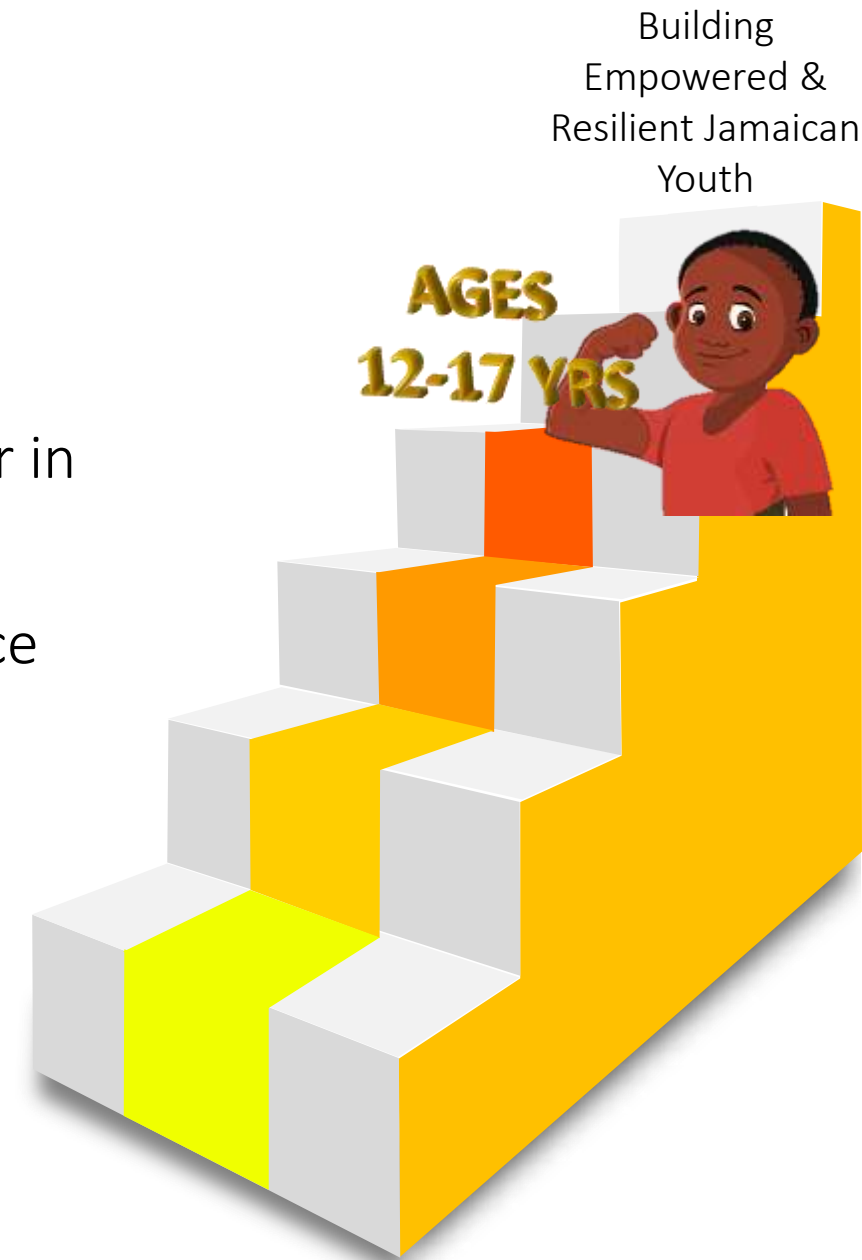


Change from Within



Outcomes:

- Principals supporting each other in a 'Circle of Friends'
- Increased academic performance in the lowest quintile
- Reduction in gang activity

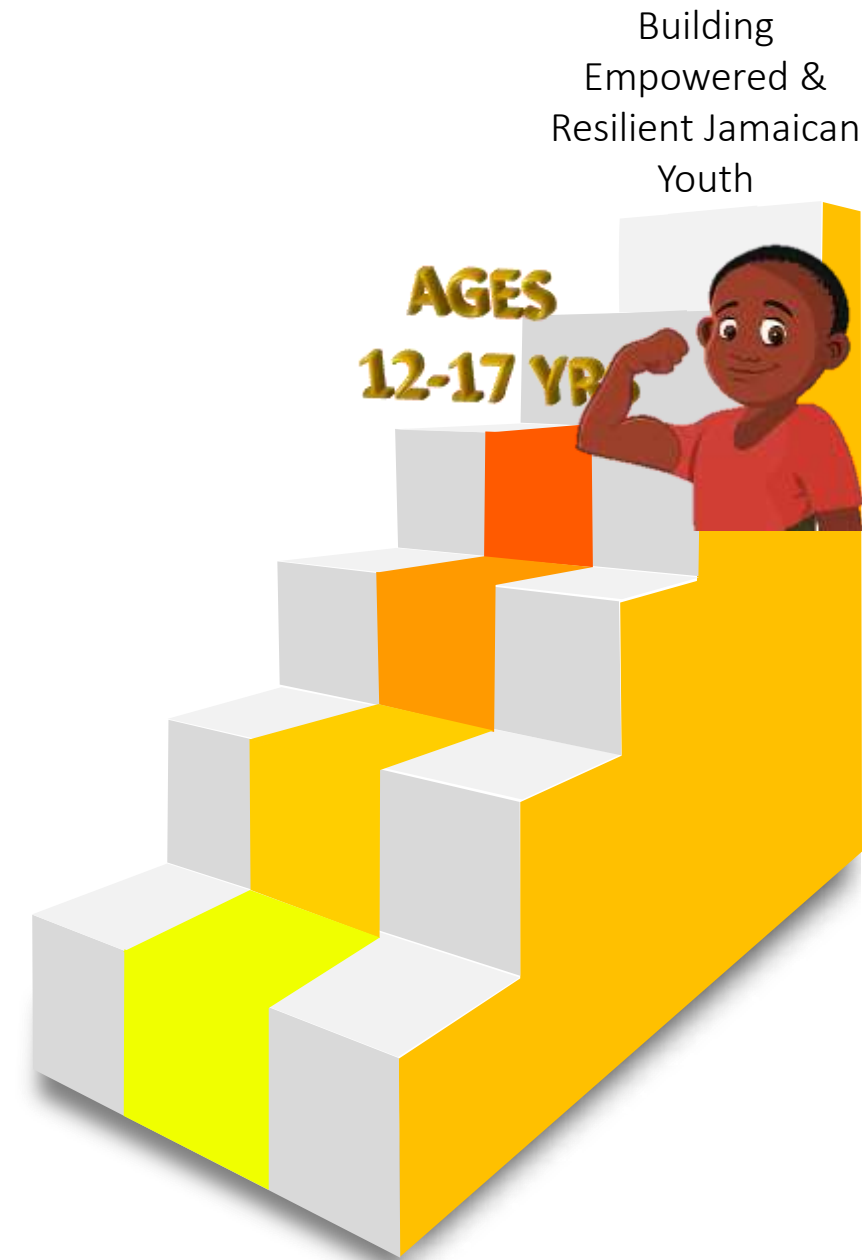


Holy Trinity High TM Quiet Time



Outcomes:

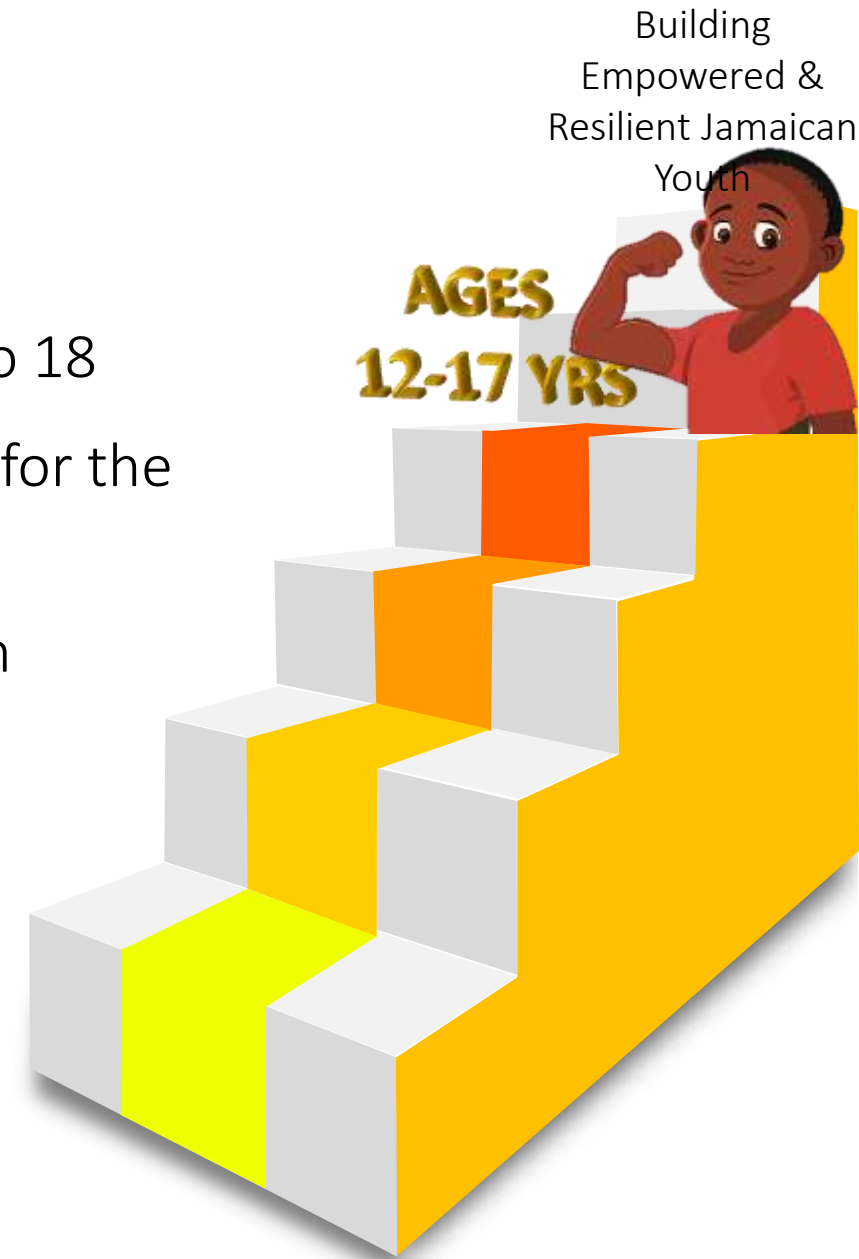
- 38% ↓ in Fights
- 30% ↓ in Theft
- 47% ↓ in Extortion



Career Advancement Programme

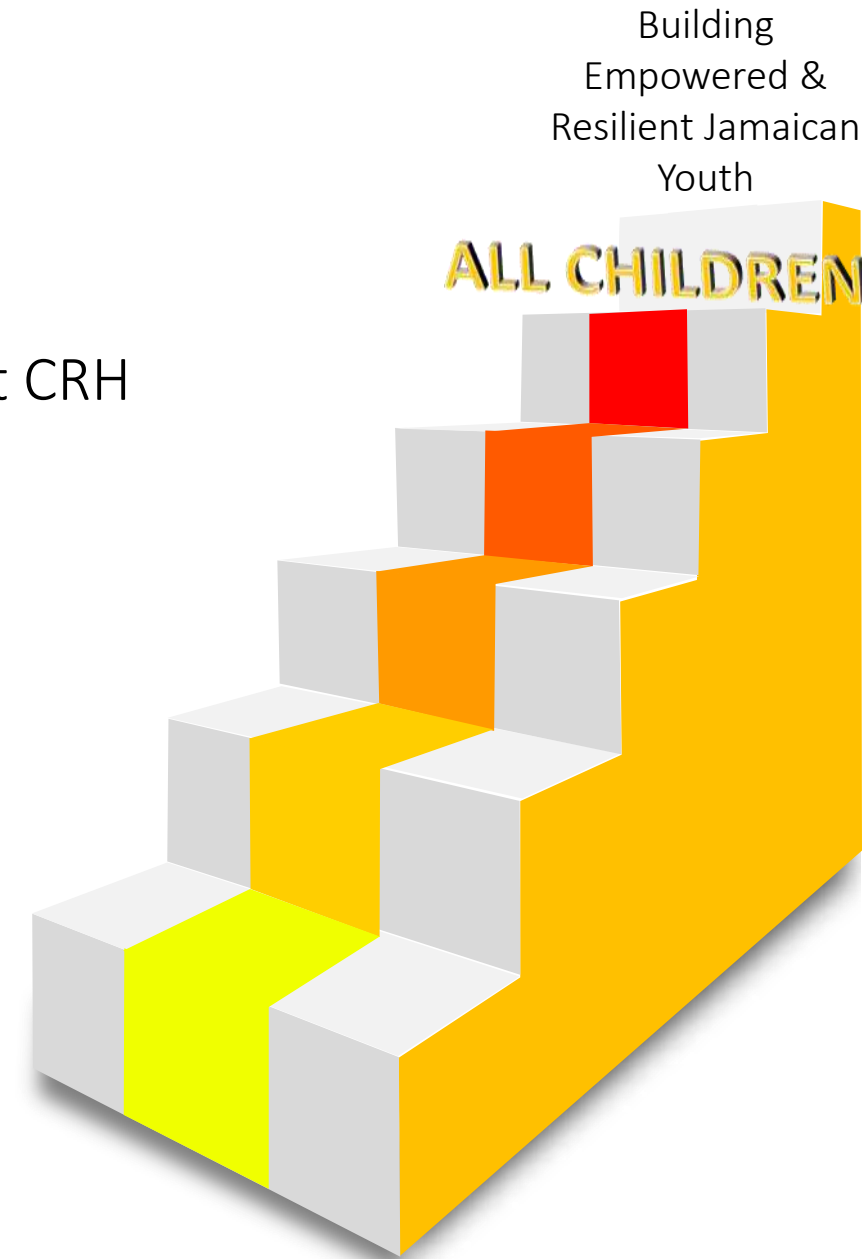


- For students aged 16 to 18
- Gain training and skills for the job market
- Further their education





- Identify and treat cases of violence against children at CRH
- Home and school visits
- Referrals
- ↓ Readmissions
- ↓ Admission to Children's Homes C/B \$1:1.25 (CAMP Bustamante)





FROM **Road Map**
TO **Results**

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MINISTRY of EDUCATION
YOUTH & INFORMATION



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