Adaptation Fund NGO Network
Jamaica

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This component focuses on adaptive agriculture in select communities in seven parishes – Trelawney, Manchester, Clarendon, St Catherine, St Ann, St Thomas and St Mary:

- 80 production and productivity grants approved and implemented
- 2000 farmers benefitting directly from crop assistances re seeds, fertilisers and pesticides
- 6000 tonnes of Irish potato and 174 tonnes of onions reaped
- 10 acres of onion established in 4 parishes
- 30 extension officers trained
- 1300 farmers trained in climate smart agriculture
- 75 gravity drip irrigation system installed
- Fire and safety wardens trained
- 5 demo plots established
- 8 farmers groups mobilized and also functioning as water user groups
- 63 persons trained in gender from 10 organisations
The project is a welcome experience from the traditional way of doing farming... We have been involved for about 4 months now but could not do much before because of the drought.

Farmer, Nine Turns Community, Jamaica
Component 1

- Modeling and testing for the breakwater design has been completed
- Storm surge modeling completed
- Environmental impact assessment completed for breakwaters in Negril
Challenges encountered

• Impasse has slowed implementation of component one – mainly hoteliers and other stakeholders opposing the breakwaters. Efforts to broker agreement between NIE and the group have been lagging.

• Panos intervened and facilitated one of those consultations. But still no progress.

• The matter is now before one national mediation body – the Dispute Resolution Foundation and also another government entity – the Office of the Public Defender to see what actions can be taken.

• A letter of complaint has been sent to the AFB.
Next Steps

The Jamaica proposal was approved before the *AFB environment and social policy* was adopted. It might be advisable to do such an analysis in addition to NIE’S recent EIA to see if it uncovers alternate options or solutions for both groups.